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Ms. Nancy Marconi
Registrar
Ontario Energy Board
27-2300 Yonge Street
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Marconi:

**Re: EB-2022-0028: EPCOR Electricity Distribution Ontario Inc. (“EEDO”)
Interrogatory Responses and Effective Date**

In accordance with Procedural Order 1, please find enclosed responses to the interrogatories received from OEB Staff, School Energy Coalition, Environmental Defence, Vulnerable Electricity Consumers Coalition and the Small Business Utility Alliance.

EEDO is taking this opportunity to inform and invite intervenor comments regarding a proposed update to this cost of service application. Upon further review, it has been confirmed that EEDO must maintain existing rates for all customers until October 1, 2023 (adjusted solely by the OEB’s price cap incentive rate-setting option). This requirement is set out in the Share Purchase Agreement between EPCOR and the Town of Collingwood for Collus PowerStream Corporation (CollusLDC) and is also a condition of the MAAD Decision and Order [proceeding EB-2017-0373/74], wherein the OEB approved a request to defer the rate rebasing of CollusLDC for five years from the date of closing of the share acquisition transactions.

EEDO is proposing to move forward with the cost of service application and to maintain the proceeding schedule as set out in OEB Procedural Order No. 1 as all parties have invested significant time and resources to participate in this proceeding.

For clarity, our proposed approach would result in EPCOR requesting a decision that would include

- a) an effective date of January 1, 2023 for new rates, and
- b) an offsetting distribution rate rider for each rate class in order to ensure compliance with the OEB’s above-noted condition in the MAAD Decision and Order (*equivalent to an offset of the fixed and variable rate adjustments agreed in this hearing*).



This approach would require EEDO to amend its application to include information regarding the proposed rate rider and such information would be provided to intervenors in advance of the settlement conference which is scheduled to begin on September 7, 2022.

EEDO is requesting feedback from intervenors on this issue via email by August 29, 2022 in consideration with the current planned timing of the settlement conference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tim Hesselink", is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

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