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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”)
EEDO to Update Application Evidence and Request to Reschedule Settlement Conference**

The purpose of this correspondence is two-fold. First, we wish to notify the Board that EEDO will be filing an update to its Cost of Service application (the “Application”). Second, EEDO is requesting that the Board Panel reschedule the Settlement Conference, which is currently scheduled for September 7-9, 2022.

Application Update:

The Application currently requests new rates effective as of January 1, 2023. Following recent discussions with the Town of Collingwood, it has come to light that the Application must be amended to request an effective date for new rates as of October 1, 2023. This amendment will ensure compliance with the following:

- a) The requirement set out in the Share Purchase Agreement between EEDO and the Town of Collingwood for Collus PowerStream Corporation (CollusLDC), which requires EEDO to maintain existing rates for customers for five years following the closing date (being October 1, 2018), adjusted solely by the OEB’s Price Cap Incentive rate-setting option; and
- b) A condition of the MAAD Decision and Order in proceeding EB-2017-0373/74, wherein the Board approved a request to defer the rate rebasing of CollusLDC for five years from the date of closing of the share acquisition transactions.

EEDO requests to file new evidence to support its amendment for an October 1, 2023 effective date for new rates. We propose to file this new evidence by no later than September 16, 2022.



Rescheduling of Settlement Conference:

EEDO seeks to move forward with the Application. However, we request that the Settlement Conference be rescheduled to later in 2022 in order to allow time for EEDO to file updated evidence and allow for any other procedural steps the Board deems necessary.

We can advise that EEDO invited all intervenors and Board Staff to discuss the above-noted matter in order to request their input and seek consensus on next steps. Earlier today, EEDO discussed these issues with representatives of School Energy Coalition, Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition, Small Business Utility Alliance, and Board Staff. A representative of Environmental Defence was not able to attend. The outcome of this discussion was consensus that EEDO should notify the Board of the utility's need to amend the effective date for new rates and to temporarily postpone the Settlement Conference.

We trust the enclosed is satisfactory for the Board to issue a new procedural order.

Sincerely,

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

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CC: all stakeholders and intervenors in this hearing