



**BY EMAIL**

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Dear Mr. Hesselink:

**Re: EPCOR Electricity Distribution Ontario Inc. (EPCOR Electricity Distribution Ontario)  
Application for 2023 Electricity Distribution Rates  
OEB File Number: EB-2022-0028**

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) is in receipt of your letter of September 1, 2022, in which you advised of your intention to file an update to EPCOR Electricity Distribution Ontario's application, and requested that the OEB reschedule the settlement conference in this proceeding, currently scheduled for September 7-9, 2022.

The current application requests rates effective as of January 1, 2023. You advised that in recent discussions with the Town of Collingwood, it has come to your attention that the Share Purchase Agreement between EPCOR Electricity Distribution Ontario and the Town of Collingwood for Collus PowerStream Corporation (CollusLDC) contains a requirement to have EPCOR Electricity Distribution Ontario maintain existing rates for customers for five years following the closing date of October 1, 2018, adjusted solely by the OEB's Price Cap Incentive rate-setting option. Also referenced in the letter was the Mergers, Acquisitions, Amalgamations and Divestitures Decision and Order,<sup>1</sup> which approved a request to defer rate rebasing of CollusLDC for five years following the closing date of the share acquisition transactions.

As a result, you are requesting to file new evidence to support an October 1, 2023 effective date for your 2023 rates, and you intend to file that new evidence no later than September 16, 2022.

Based on the information provided, EPCOR Electricity Distribution Ontario's application is placed in abeyance as of September 1, 2022. The application will remain in abeyance until EPCOR Electricity Distribution Ontario files the amended application and the OEB issues a new

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<sup>1</sup> EB-2017-0373 and EB-2017-0374

procedural order in which it will advise of further procedural steps. The OEB will postpone the settlement conference scheduled for September 7-8, 2022, along with the remaining procedural steps in Procedural Order No. 1.

Yours truly,

Nancy Marconi  
Registrar

c: All Parties in EB-2022-0028