



September 28, 2022

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Ms. Nancy Marconi, Registrar  
Ontario Energy Board  
2300 Yonge Street, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Marconi,

**Re: PUC Distribution Inc. Electricity Distribution Licence ED-2002-0546  
2023 Cost of Service Application (EB-2022-0059) – Letter of Direction - Affidavit of Service**

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As per paragraph 5. of the Letter of Direction, issued by the Ontario Energy Board on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, attached is an affidavit proving completion of the matters in paragraphs 1. to 4. sworn by a commissioner of oaths and supporting documentation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Faught", is written over a horizontal line.

K. Mark Faught, CPA, CMA  
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PUC Distribution Inc.  
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Phone: 705-759-0105

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

IN THE MATTER OF the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15 (Sched. B) (the "Act")  
**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an application by PUC Distribution Inc. for an Order or Orders made pursuant  
to section 78 of the Act, approving, or fixing just and reasonable rates and other charges for the  
distribution of electricity, effective May 1, 2023.

**AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE**

I, K. MARK FAUGHT, of the City of Sault Ste. Marie, MAKE OATH AND SAY:

1. I am *Director, Finance* for PUC Distribution Inc. (*hereinafter referred to as "PUC"*) and as such have personal knowledge of the following;
2. Further to section 1 of the OEB's Letter of Direction dated September 23, 2022<sup>nd</sup> ("the Letter") (a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"**), I confirm that on September 28<sup>th</sup>, PUC served a copy of the Notice, via the last known email addresses, an English and French version of the Notice of Hearing (*hereinafter referred to as "Notice"*), along with a direct link to the application and the evidence on the OEB's website, to all intervenors of record in PUC's previous cost of service rate proceedings (EB-2017-0071) and its previous Incremental Capital Module proceedings (EB-2018-0219 / EB-2020-0249).

Namely:

School Energy Coalition  
Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition  
Consumers Council of Canada  
Elson Advocacy

See **Exhibit "B"** attached hereto for a copy of the email confirmation sent to the above intervenors.

3. Further to section 2 of the Letter, I confirm that on September 28<sup>th</sup>, PUC posted a copy of the Notice (English and French), the application and evidence, and any amendments thereto available for public review on PUC's website at the following link:

<https://ssmpuc.com/electricity/rates/ontario-energy-board-rate-application/>

A copy of the correspondence is attached hereto as **Exhibit "C"**.

4. Further to section 3 of the Letter, I confirm that on September 28<sup>th</sup>, PUC served a copy of the Notice, along with a live link to the Notice posted on PUC's website, by electronic mail directly on all customers for with PUC has an email address and appropriate permissions to use it. A copy of the correspondence is attached hereto as **Exhibit "D"**.

5. Further to section 4 of the Letter, I confirm that on September 28<sup>th</sup>, a tweet was posted on PUC's Twitter account quoting the language provided in the Letter. A copy of the tweet is attached as **Exhibit "E"**.

6. Further to section 6 of the Letter, I confirm that PUC will provide a copy of the Notice, the application and the evidence, and any amendments thereto, to anyone requesting the material.

7. I make this solemn affidavit conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing that it is of the same force as is made under oath.

SWORN BEFORE ME at the City of  
Sault Ste. Marie, this 28th day of  
September, 2022

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) K. Mark Faught

  
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Brittany Anne Kathleen Vallee, a Commissioner, etc.,  
Province of Ontario, for **Wishart Law Firm LLP**,  
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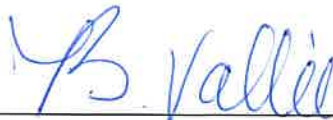
Brittany Vallee

Commissioner

Wishart Law Firm LLP

File# EB-2022-0059 – PUC Distribution Inc.

**THIS IS EXHIBIT "A"  
TO THE AFFIDAVIT OF  
MARK FAUGHT  
SWORN BEFORE ME  
THIS 28<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2022**



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**Exhibit "A"**  
**Letter of Direction**

This Exhibit "A" referred to in the Affidavit of K. Mark Faught affirmed before me in the City of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario of the 28th day of September, 2022, in accordance with O. Reg. 431/20: Administrating Oath or Declaration.



Ontario  
Energy  
Board | Commission  
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de l'Ontario

**BY E-MAIL**

September 23, 2022

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**LETTER OF DIRECTION**

Dear Mr. Kasubeck:

**Re: PUC Distribution Inc. (PUC Distribution)  
2023 Cost of Service Application  
Ontario Energy Board File Number: EB-2022-0059**

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) has now issued its Notice of Hearing for PUC Distribution's application for 2023 Cost of Service Application (Notice). The English and French versions of the Notice will be published by the OEB, in accordance with directions to the OEB's agent which were copied to you. Please note that you must comply with the directions in paragraphs 1 through 3 below **prior to September 29, 2022**, which is the publication date of the newspaper in which the Notice will appear last. If you are unable to comply with the directions within this timeframe, you must inform the Registrar immediately at [registrar@oeb.ca](mailto:registrar@oeb.ca).

You are directed:

1. To arrange for the service of each of the enclosed English and French versions of the Notice, in the exact form accompanying this letter and the application and the evidence, directly on all intervenors in PUC Distribution's previous cost of service rate proceeding, EB-2017-0071 and its previous Incremental Capital Module proceeding EB-2018-0219 / EB-2020-0249.
2. To make a copy of both the English and French versions of the Notice, the application and the evidence, and any amendments thereto, on PUC Distribution's website.

3. To arrange for the service of the enclosed English and French versions of the Notice, in the exact form accompanying this letter by email on any customers for which PUC Distribution has an email address and appropriate permissions to use the email address to send utility or regulatory information with the following email messages:
  - i. “PUC Distribution Inc. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board to increase our electricity distribution rates. Please review the Ontario Energy Board’s Notice of Hearing to learn more and to find out how you can participate in the Ontario Energy Board’s hearing.” The email must provide a link to the English Notice posted on PUC Distribution’s website.
  - ii. « PUC Distribution Inc. avons déposé une requête auprès de la Commission de l’énergie de l’Ontario afin d’augmenter nos tarifs de distribution de l’électricité. Veuillez lire l’avis d’audience ci-joint pour vous mieux renseigné et pour savoir comment participer au processus d’audience du tribunal. » The email must provide a live link to the French Notice posted on PUC Distribution’s website.
4. If PUC Distribution has a twitter account, to tweet the following messages:
  - a. “We have applied to the @OntEnergyBoard to increase our electricity distribution rates. Learn more. Have your say.” The tweet is required to provide a live link to the English Notice posted on PUC Distribution’s website.
  - b. « Nous avons déposé une requête auprès de @OntEnergyBoard afin d’augmenter nos tarifs de distribution de l’électricité. Soyez mieux renseigné. Donnez votre opinion. » The tweet is required to provide a live link to the French Notice posted on PUC Distribution’s website.
5. To file with the OEB an affidavit proving completion of the matters in paragraphs 1 through 4 above immediately thereafter.
6. To provide a copy of the Notice, the application and the evidence, and any amendments thereto, to anyone requesting the material.



You are further directed not to include any documents or materials when serving the Notice other than documents or materials expressly required by this letter of direction to be served.

Yours truly,

Nancy Marconi  
Registrar

Encl.

cc: John A.D. Vellone, [jvellone@blg.com](mailto:jvellone@blg.com)

**THIS IS EXHIBIT "B"  
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## Exhibit "B"

## Email Service to Intervenor in EB 2017-0071 and EB-2018-0219/EB-2020-0249

This Exhibit "B" referred to in the Affidavit of K. Mark Faught affirmed before me in the City of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022, in accordance with O. Reg. 43120: Administering Oath or Declaration.

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**From:** Mark Faught  
**Sent:** September 28, 2022 1:53 PM  
**To:** wayne.mcnally@oesc-cseo.org; mark@shepherdrubenstein.com; jay@shepherdrubenstein.com; bsegel-brown@piac.ca; markgarner@rogers.com; jgirvan@uniserve.com; shelly.grice@rogers.com; amanda@elsonadvocacy.ca; Bill Harper; jlawford@piac.ca; jack@cleanairalliance.org; 'kent'  
**Cc:** Tyler Kasubeck; Pina Pacione  
**Subject:** PUC Distribution Inc. - Notice of Application  
**Attachments:** Notice\_PUC Distribution\_EG\_20220923\_signed.pdf; Notice\_PUC Distribution\_FR\_20220923\_signed.pdf

On August 31, 2022, PUC Distribution Inc. ("PUC") submitted its 2023 Cost of Service Rate Application. This application will raise PUC's electricity distribution rates effective May 1, 2023.

On September 23, 2022, the OEB issued the Notice of Application along with the Letter of Direction for the proceeding. The OEB directed PUC to serve a copy of the Notice of Application along with the application and evidence on all intervenors in EB-2017-0071, EB-2018-0219/EB-2020-0249.

Attached please find the OEB's Notice of Application (English and French versions). The Notice provides information on how to become informed and involved in the proceeding. Interested parties can apply to the OEB for Intervenor Status in this proceeding by October 11, 2022.

The application and evidence is available at PUC's website (<https://ssmpuc.com/electricity/rates/ontario-energy-board-rate-application/>) and can also be downloaded from the OEB at the following link [EB-2022-0059 PUC 2023 Distribution Rate Application](#).

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

•• Mark ••

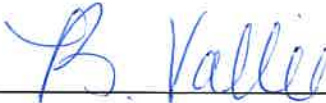


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**THIS IS EXHIBIT "C"  
TO THE AFFIDAVIT OF  
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## Exhibit "C" Screenshot of PUC's Website

This Exhibit "B" referred to in the Affidavit of K. Mark Faught affirmed before me in the City of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022, in accordance with O. Reg. 431/20: Administering Oath or Declaration.

The screenshot shows the PUC website's navigation bar with the following links: HOME, ABOUT PUC +, CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE +, ELECTRICITY +, WATER +, and PUC'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19 +. The main heading is "Ontario Energy Board Rate Application". Below the heading, it states: "In accordance with the Ontario Energy Board's Directive and Guidelines PUC Distribution ("PUC") has posted its most recent electricity rate application." A section for "2023" is highlighted, containing the text: "On August 31st, 2022, PUC Distribution Inc. filed a Distribution Rates Application (EB-2022-0059) with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) for its 2023 revenue requirement." This is followed by a bulleted list of links: "View or download a copy of the OEB's Notice of Hearing (EN FR)", "View or download a copy of the Application", and "For all OEB documentation related to PUC Distribution's application (EB-2022-0059), click here". A list of 13 links follows, all starting with "PUC Distribution Cost of Service Rate Application - 2023 -".

ssmpuc.com/electricity/rates/ontario-energy-board-rate-application/

HOME ABOUT PUC + CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE + ELECTRICITY + WATER + PUC'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19 +

## Ontario Energy Board Rate Application

In accordance with the Ontario Energy Board's Directive and Guidelines PUC Distribution ("PUC") has posted its most recent electricity rate application.

### 2023

On August 31st, 2022, PUC Distribution Inc. filed a Distribution Rates Application (EB-2022-0059) with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) for its 2023 revenue requirement.

- View or download a copy of the OEB's Notice of Hearing ([EN FR](#))
- View or download a copy of the [Application](#)
- For all OEB documentation related to PUC Distribution's application (EB-2022-0059), click [here](#)

[PUC Distribution Cost of Service Rate Application - 2023 - Analysis Workform](#)

[PUC Distribution Cost of Service Rate Application - 2023 - Cost Allocation Model](#)

[PUC Distribution Cost of Service Rate Application - 2023 - Demand Profile](#)

[PUC Distribution Cost of Service Rate Application - 2023 - DVA Continuity Schedule](#)

[PUC Distribution Cost of Service Rate Application - 2023 - Filing Requirements - Chapter 2 Appendices](#)

[PUC Distribution Cost of Service Rate Application - 2023 - GA Analysis Workform](#)

[PUC Distribution Cost of Service Rate Application - 2023 - Load Forecast with Regression Analysis](#)

[PUC Distribution Cost of Service Rate Application - 2023 - LRAMVA Workform](#)

[PUC Distribution Cost of Service Rate Application - 2023 - Participation and Cost Report](#)

[PUC Distribution Cost of Service Rate Application - 2023 - Requirement Workform](#)

[PUC Distribution Cost of Service Rate Application - 2023 - Tariff Schedule and Bill Impact Model](#)

[PUC Distribution Cost of Service Rate Application - 2023 - Test Year Income Tax PILs](#)

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**Exhibit "D"**  
**Email to PUC's Customers**

This Exhibit "D" referred to in the Affidavit of K. Mark Faught affirmed before me in the City of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022, in accordance with O. Reg. 431/20: Administering Oath or Declaration.

**From:** PUC Distribution Inc. <communications@ssmpuc.com>  
**Sent:** September 28, 2022 10:25 AM  
**To:** Mark Faught  
**Subject:** NOTICE: PUC Distribution Inc. files 2023 Rate Application with the Ontario Energy Board

**CAUTION:** This email originated outside of PUC. Do not open attachments or click links unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

[View this email in your browser](#)



PUC Distribution Inc. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board to increase our electricity distribution rates. Please review the [Ontario Energy Board's Notice of Hearing](#) to learn more and to find out how you can participate in the Ontario Energy Board's hearing.

PUC Distribution Inc. avons déposé une requête auprès de la Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario afin d'augmenter nos tarifs de distribution de l'électricité. Veuillez lire [l'avis d'audience](#) ci-joint pour vous mieux renseigné et pour savoir comment participer au processus d'audience du tribunal.

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You are receiving this email because you are a customer of PUC Distribution Inc.

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**Exhibit "E"**  
**PUC's Tweet**

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