

EB-2022-0013

# Alectra Utilities Corporation

# Application for Incremental Capital Module funding, effective January 1, 2023

# PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2 October 11, 2022

Alectra Utilities Corporation (Alectra Utilities) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on May 18, 2022, under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, *1998*, seeking approval for Incremental Capital Module funding for certain underground cable renewal projects, effective January 1, 2023.

Alectra Utilities filed interrogatory responses from OEB staff and intervenors on August 2, 2022.

OEB staff and intervenors filed their submissions in August 2022 and on September 15, 2022, Alectra Utilities filed its reply submission.

Having reviewed the evidence, the OEB notes potential inconsistencies regarding the recorded annual underground cable renewal spending evidence and seeks answers to certain questions to resolve any inconsistencies. Pursuant to Rule 11.01(b) of the OEB's *Rules of Practice and Procedure*, the OEB directs Alectra Utilities to file answers to the questions attached as Schedule A to this Procedural Order.

## THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

 Alectra Utilities shall file with the OEB complete written responses to the questions attached as Schedule A and serve them on all intervenors by October 18, 2022.

Parties are responsible for ensuring that any documents they file with the OEB, such as applicant and intervenor evidence, interrogatories and responses to interrogatories or any other type of document, **do not include personal information** (as that phrase is defined in the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*), unless filed in accordance with rule 9A of the OEB's <u>Rules of Practice and Procedure</u>.

Please quote file number, **EB-2022-0013** for all materials filed and submit them in searchable/unrestricted PDF format with a digital signature through the <u>OEB's online</u> filing portal.

- Filings should clearly state the sender's name, postal address, telephone number and e-mail address.
- Please use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the <u>Regulatory Electronic Submission System (RESS)</u> <u>Document Guidelines</u> found at the <u>File documents online page</u> on the OEB's website.
- Parties are encouraged to use RESS. Those who have not yet <u>set up an</u> <u>account</u>, or require assistance using the online filing portal can contact <u>registrar@oeb.ca</u> for assistance.
- Cost claims are filed through the OEB's online filing portal. Please visit the <u>File</u> <u>documents online page</u> of the OEB's website for more information. All participants shall download a copy of their submitted cost claim and serve it on all required parties as per the <u>Practice Direction on Cost Awards</u>.

All communications should be directed to the attention of the Registrar and be received by end of business, 4:45 p.m., on the required date.

With respect to distribution lists for all electronic correspondence and materials related to this proceeding, parties must include the Case Manager, Tyler Davids at <u>Tyler.Davids@oeb.ca</u> and OEB Counsel, Lawren Murray at <u>Lawren.Murray@oeb.ca</u>.

Email: registrar@oeb.ca Tel: 1-877-632-2727 (Toll free)

DATED at Toronto, October 11, 2022

## ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Nancy Marconi Registrar

# SCHEDULE A

# PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2

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PANEL INFORMATION REQUEST

Topic: Emerging Underground Projects

### **References:**

(1) Exhibit 3, Tab 1, Schedule 2, p. 12 and 13.(2) SEC-10

### Preamble:

In reference (1), Alectra Utilities refers to the term "Emerging Underground Projects" and Table 21 provides the actuals spent from 2018 to 2021 and a forecast for 2022 for:

- Cable Renewal Replacement
- Cable Renewal Injection
- Emerging Underground Project for all rate zones.

Reference (2) asked Alectra Utilities to provide a disaggregation for the same period and categories for each of its rate zones.

### Panel Information Request #1:

- a. Please explain what the term "Emerging Underground Project" means in this context.
- Please explain how Emerging Underground Projects relate to the Cable Replacement and Cable Injection Program in the Enersource and PowerStream rates zones.
- c. Are there Emerging Underground Projects included in the Cable Replacement and Cable Injection Program that are included in the 2023 ICM request for funding and budgeted for 2024?

**Topic:** Proposed Cable Program Funded Through Base Rates and ICM Rate Riders

#### **References:**

- (1) SEC-10, Table 1
- (2) Staff-2 c), Table 1 UG Cable Renewal Investments by RZ 2017-2021
- (3) Staff-20, Attachment 2, UG Capital Budgets 2020-2024

#### Preamble:

Alectra Utilities to reconcile the three tables referenced in evidence that include actuals for 2021 and 2022 year-to-date actuals and budgeted.

#### Panel Information Request #2:

Please complete the following table.

						Actual &	_	_
PowerStream-Rate Zone	Actual 2017	Actual 2018	Actual 2019	Actual 2020	Actual 2021	Budgeted 2022	Forecast 2023	Forecast 2024
Funded through distribution rates	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Cable Replacement							-	
Cable Injection								
Emerging Underground Projects								
Total								
Funded through ICM rate riders								
Cable Replacement								
Cable Injection								
Emerging Underground Projects								
Total								
						Actual &		
Enersource - Rate Zone	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budgeted	Forecast	Forecast
Funded through distribution rates	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Cable Replacement								
Cable Injection								
Emerging Underground Projects								
Total								
Funded through ICM rate riders								
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