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Ontario Energy Board  
2300 Yonge Street  
27th Floor  
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4  
Attention: Registrar

Dear Ms. Marconi:

**Re: EB-2022-0018 – Application for raising its electricity distribution rates effective May 1, 2023, by Burlington Hydro Inc. – SBUA Intervention Request Letter**

We are counsel to the Small Business Utility Alliance (SBUA). Please find enclosed SBUA's Notice of Intervention requesting intervenor status and cost eligibility in the above-noted proceeding.

Yours truly,

**Sebastian Melo**  
Savoie Laporte

cc. All parties in EB-2022-0018

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

**IN THE MATTER OF** the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, Schedule B, as amended;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an application by Burlington Hydro Inc. for an order approving the raise of its electricity rates effective May 1, 2023.

**EB-2022-0018**

**NOTICE OF INTERVENTION  
OF THE  
SMALL BUSINESS UTILITY ALLIANCE**

**A. APPLICATION FOR INTERVENOR STATUS**

1. Small Business Utility Alliance (“SBUA”) applies for intervenor status in this proceeding pursuant to Rule 22 of the Board’s Rules of Practice and Procedure.

**B. SBUA**

2. SBUA is a group of small business ratepayers in Ontario with its members located in different cities and counties. Some of the members of SBUA are located in Burlington.
3. SBUA’s mandate is “to represent, protect, and promote the interests of small businesses as utility customers of electric, natural gas, water, and telecommunications services before administrative and regulatory bodies on utility and energy matters” throughout the Province of Ontario.
4. Also, SBUA’s mandate is “to advocate for the broader interests of the small business community as a whole and not the specific or direct financial interests of individual small businesses or the members of our alliance”.

### **C. NATURE AND SCOPE OF SBUA'S INTERVENTION**

5. SBUA intends to participate in any pre-hearing procedures, including interrogatories or technical conferences, and settlement conferences. Also, SBUA intends to participate in any oral or written hearings, oral or written submissions, as well as any other parts of the process.
6. SBUA intends to be an active participant in this proceeding and will act responsibly in the proceeding by submitting evidence, argument, or interrogatories, or by cross-examining a witness. The participation will include but not be limited to the following:
  - a. The appropriateness and reasonableness of the distribution rates proposed by Burlington Hydro Inc.
  - b. The appropriateness and reasonableness of the request made by Burlington Hydro Inc. regarding recovery costs related to the damage caused to its distribution system.
  - c. Generally, to represent the interests of the Small Business.
7. Furthermore, SBUA will act responsibly to coordinate its participation with other parties to the extent they seek similar objectives.

### **D. COSTS**

8. SBUA intends to apply for recovery of its costs reasonably incurred in the course of its intervention in this proceeding.

### **E. NATURE OF HEARING REQUESTED**

9. Until interrogatories have been answered, it is premature to assess whether a written or an oral hearing is more appropriate in this proceeding.

### **F. SBUA'S REPRESENTATIVES**

10. SBUA requests that further communications with respect to this proceeding be sent to the following:

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As well as service (for electronic communications only) on:  
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SBUA respectfully requests your acceptance of this intervention and confirmation that it will be eligible for costs.

Submitted on behalf of the Small Business Utility Alliance this November 11, 2022.