

BY EMAIL

December 19, 2022

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

Dear Ms. Marconi:

Re: Ontario Energy Board (OEB) Staff Submission on the Draft Rate Order

Alectra Utilities Corporation Incremental Capital Module OEB File Number: EB-2022-0013

Please find attached OEB staff's submission in the above referenced proceeding.

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

Tyler Davids Analyst – Major Rate Applications and Consolidations

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cc: All parties in EB-2022-0013



## **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

## **OEB Staff Submission on the Draft Rate Order**

**Alectra Utilities Corporation** 

**Incremental Capital Module** 

EB-2022-0013

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## Introduction

Alectra Utilities Corporation (Alectra Utilities) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on May 16, 2022, under section 78 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998 seeking approval for incremental Capital Module (ICM) funding for its PowerStream and Enersource rate zones (RZ), effective January 1, 2023.

The OEB issued its Decision and Order with regard to the ICM funding request on November 17, 2022. As part of the orders, the OEB directed Alectra Utilities to file a Draft Rate Order (DRO) by December 12, 2022. The DRO was to contain updated ICM models, as well as draft 2023 Tariff of Rates and Charges for the PowerStream and Enersource RZs that incorporate the findings of both the Decision and Order for this proceeding and the Decision and Rate Order of the 2023 Price Cap IR proceeding (EB-2022-0185).

Alectra Utilities filed its DRO on December 12, 2022 in accordance with the Decision and Order.

## Comments on the DRO

OEB staff has only minor concerns with the wording and formatting of the proposed Tariff of Rates and Charges filed by Alectra Utilities. OEB staff believes these changes can be made by the OEB in its delivery of the Final Rate Order. These changes are listed below:

- For the Enersource RZ, the fixed Rate Rider for Recovery of Incremental Capital (2017) in the Large Use Service classification should read \$346.90 instead of \$346.9.
- Wording suggesting that the specific service charge for access to the power poles be approved on an interim basis should be removed for both RZs, as this is no longer the case.

~All of which is respectfully submitted~