

January 27, 2023

Nancy Marconi Registrar Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street Toronto ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Marconi,

## RE: EB-2022-0024 Elexicon Energy Inc. 2023 Distribution Rate Application Type of Hearing – Submission of CCMBC

In Procedural Order No.3, the OEB allowed parties to file submissions by January 27 on the type of hearing for each of the three ICM requests in the application: the Whitby Smart Grid ICM funding request, the Advanced Distribution Management System ICM funding request for the Veridian rate zone related to the Whitby Smart Grid, and the Sustainable Brooklin ICM funding request.

CCMBC submits that an oral hearing would be appropriate for each of the ICM requests as explained by the OEB Staff and the SEC in their submissions. Moreover, an oral hearing would allow Commissioners to directly question witnesses which is not possible in a written hearing process. CCMBC agrees with the SEC that an in-person hearing in the OEB Hearing Room at 2300 Yonge Street in Toronto would be more effective than a virtual hearing and should be used for this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of CCMBC,

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