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BY EMAIL

March 16, 2023

To: PUC Distribution Inc. All Parties in EB-2022-0059

Re: PUC Distribution Inc. (PUC Distribution) - 2023 Cost of Service Application Defined Extension Request – Resumption Date Ontario Energy Board File Number: EB-2022-0059

The OEB's performance standards for processing applications set out the typical steps and number of days that it takes to hear each type of application. The OEB has a *Protocol for Adjusting Adjudicative Timelines*¹ (Protocol) that establishes a mechanism for the treatment of material delays in adjudicative proceedings that are not within the OEB's control.

As per the Protocol, when a request for a delay occurs in a proceeding with a known duration of at least two weeks at the time the OEB is notified, it is called a "Defined Extension Request".

On March 10, 2023, PUC Distribution filed the settlement proposal in its 2023 cost of service application.

Pursuant to Procedural Order No.1, PUC Distribution was required to file its settlement proposal with the OEB on January 23, 2023. Through Procedural Orders No. 2, 3, 4 and 5, the OEB approved PUC Distribution's requests for extension to the date for filing the settlement proposal. Pursuant to the OEB's Protocol, the application was paused until such time that the settlement proposal was filed. With the filing of the settlement proposal, the OEB is resuming the application effective March 10, 2023.

¹ Protocol For Adjusting Adjudicative Timelines, November 1, 2021

In granting the extension requests the OEB had noted that as per the OEB's Protocol the performance standard for the application would be extended by the total number of calendar days associated with the extensions, including the planned decision issuance date. Therefore, in keeping with the OEB's Protocol the application's performance standard (decision metric date) will be extended by 46 calendar days to July 11, 2023.

Yours truly,

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