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November 9, 2023

RESS & Email

Ontario Energy Board
P.O. Box 2319, 27th Floor
2300 Yonge Street
Toronto ON M4P 1E4

Attention: Ms. Nancy Marconi, Registrar

Dear Ms. Marconi:

Re: EB-2023-0298 Affidavit of Service

Further to paragraph 5 of the Board's Letter of Direction dated November 2, 2023, enclosed please find the Affidavit of Service attesting to:

- (1) making available for public review the Notice of Application (English and French Versions), application, evidence, and amendments thereto on the Upper Canada Transmission 2, Inc. ("**UCT 2**") website;
- (2) providing links to the Notice of Application (English and French Versions), application, evidence, and amendments thereto as electronically filed in this proceeding, to all interveners of record in UCT 2's Custom Incentive Rate-setting Application (EB- 2020- 0150) and on all licenced electricity transmitters in Ontario via electronic mail; and
- (3) posting to UCT 2's Facebook page in the manner and language described at paragraph 3 of the Board's Letter of Direction, including (a) the short-form Notices (English and French Versions); (b) links to UCT 2, Inc.'s website; and (3) tags to the Board's X (formerly Twitter) and LinkedIn assigned addresses. UCT 2's Facebook page is a private group page. Public access to this page is therefore limited.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned should you have any questions concerning the above or the enclosed materials.

Yours very truly,

McCarthy Tétrault LLP



Gordon Nettleton

Encl.

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AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

I, Tracee Collins, of Juno Beach, in the State of Florida, United States of America, MAKE OATH AND SAY:

1. I am an employee of NextEra Energy Transmission, LLC, an affiliate of Upper Canada Transmission 2, Inc. ("**UCT 2**") that performs project management services for UCT 2.
2. In my role as Project Director of UCT 2, I have assisted in the development of UCT 2's application to the Ontario Energy Board ("**OEB**") and in that capacity have been responsible for overseeing the service of the Notice of Hearing issued by the OEB on November 2, 2023 in proceeding EB-2023-0298 ("**Notice**") and, as such, have personal knowledge of the matters herein deposed.
3. Further to paragraph 1 of the OEB's Letter of Direction dated November 2, 2023 ("**Letter**") (a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"), I arranged for and confirm that as of November 8, 2023, links to copies of the English and French versions of the Notice (copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibit "B"), as well as links to the application, the evidence, and amendments made thereto were posted and are accessible from UCT 2's website at <https://www.nextbridge.ca/public-record-documents> and www.nextbridge.ca/news.
4. Further to paragraph 2 of the Letter, I confirm that, on November 8, 2023, I served by electronic mail to each of the email addresses listed in Exhibit "C." The Exhibit C list comprises of all parties who were granted intervener status in the OEB's EB-2020-0150 proceeding as well as the contact person found on the OEB's website for each OEB licensed electric transmitter. The content of the electronic mail sent to the Exhibit C list is attached as Exhibit "D". As noted, the content of this correspondence included copies of the English and French versions of the Notice, along with a link to the OEB's Advanced Regulatory Document Search area wherein the filed application, evidence and amendments made thereto is available to the public.
5. Further to paragraph 3 of the Letter, I confirm that on November 5, 2023, a post was made to UCT 2's Facebook page including (a) the short-form Notices (English and French Versions); (b) links to UCT 2's website and (3) tags to the Board's X (formerly Twitter); and LinkedIn assigned addresses. A copy of the Facebook post is attached as Exhibit "E." Public access to UCT 2's Facebook page is limited as it may only be accessed by persons who have become members of a private group, which then allows members to access the posted content, including the post described herein.

6. I further confirm that UCT 2 does not have an X (formerly Twitter), LinkedIn, or Instagram account.

Sworn remotely by Tracee Collins stated as being located in Juno Beach Florida, United States of America, before me in the City of Toronto, Ontario, on the 9th day of November 2023, in accordance with O. Reg. 431/20: Administering Oath or Declaration Remotely.



Ivan Merrow (LSO # 70064U)
A Commissioner for taking Affidavits



Tracee Collins

Exhibit "A"
Letter of Direction

This Exhibit "A" referred to in the Affidavit of Tracee Collins. Affirmed remotely before me in the City of Toronto, Ontario, on the 9th day of November 2023, in accordance with O. Reg. 431/20: *Administering Oath or Declaration Remotely*.



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BY E-MAIL

November 2, 2023

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LETTER OF DIRECTION

Dear Mr. Johnson:

**Re: Upper Canada Transmission 2, Inc. (UCT 2)
Application for 2024 Electricity Transmission Rates
Ontario Energy Board File Number: EB-2023-0298**

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) has now issued its Notice of Hearing for UCT 2's application for 2024 Electricity Transmission Rates (Notice). The Notice will be published by the OEB in accordance with directions to the OEB's media agent which were copied to you. Please note that you must comply with the directions in paragraphs 1 to 3 by **November 10, 2023**. If you are unable to comply with the directions within this timeframe, you must inform the Registrar immediately at registrar@oeb.ca.

You are directed:

1. To post the enclosed Notices, the application and evidence, and any amendments thereto, on UCT 2's website.
2. To arrange for the service of the enclosed Notices, the application and evidence on all intervenors of record in Upper Canada Transmission, Inc.'s application, EB-2020-0150 and on all licenced electricity transmitters in Ontario
3. To post the following message if UCT 2 has an X (formerly Twitter), LinkedIn, Facebook, and/or Instagram account:
 - a) "We have applied to the Ontario Energy Board to increase our electricity transmission rates. Learn more. Have your say."
 - b) « Nous avons déposé une requête auprès de @OntEnergyBoard afin d'augmenter nos tarifs de transmission de l'électricité. Soyez mieux renseigné. Donnez votre opinion. »

The post(s) is required to include the short-form Notices and to provide a link to the Notices as posted on UCT 2's website in accordance with paragraph 1. Please tag @OntEnergyBoard on X (formerly Twitter) and @OntarioEnergyBoard on LinkedIn when posting on these social media platforms. The OEB does not have a Facebook or Instagram account.

4. To provide a copy of the Notices, the application and evidence, and any amendments thereto, to anyone requesting the material.
5. To file with the OEB an affidavit confirming that the steps set out in paragraphs 1 through 3 have been completed.

You are further directed not to include any documents or materials when serving or publishing the Notices other than documents or materials expressly required by this letter of direction.

Yours truly,

Nancy Marconi
Registrar

Enclosed:

- Notices
- Short-form Notices
- Media estimate

cc: Ms. Anna Galanis, anna.galanis@nexteraenergy.com
Mr. Gordon Nettleton, McCarthy Tétrault LLP, gnettleton@mccarthy.ca

Exhibit "B"
Notices of Application

This Exhibit "B" referred to in the Affidavit of Tracee Collins. Affirmed remotely before me in the City of Toronto, Ontario, on the 9th day of November 2023, in accordance with O. Reg. 431/20: *Administering Oath or Declaration Remotely*.



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NOTICE OF A RATE HEARING

Upper Canada Transmission 2, Inc. has applied to change its electricity transmission rates

Upper Canada Transmission 2, Inc. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board for approval to change its electricity transmission rates effective, January 1, 2024. The application will consider the recovery and rate treatment of differences between actual versus budgeted construction costs, COVID-19 costs and debt financing costs related to the construction of the East-West-Tie line. The application seeks approval to:

- dispose of certain deferral and variance accounts to recover these costs
- adjust its base revenue requirement for all remaining years of its Custom IR term from 2024 to 2027
- establish a new Debt Rate Variance Account

If the application is approved as filed, the monthly bill of a typical residential and general service customer would see the following increase:

Residential (750 kWh)	\$0.35 per month
General Service less than 50kW (2,000 kWh)	\$0.75 per month

Any change to the provincial transmission rate will be reflected on the delivery line of the electricity bill for all electricity customers in Ontario. It's important to review the application carefully to determine whether you may be affected by the proposed changes.

YOU SHOULD KNOW

There are three types of OEB hearings: oral, electronic and written. The applicant has applied for a written hearing. If you think a different hearing type is needed, you can write to us to explain why.

During this hearing, we will hear questions and arguments from participants about this case. We will also hear questions and arguments from participants that have registered as Intervenors. After the hearing, we will decide whether to approve the application.

HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information about this application and to participate in the process. Visit www.oeb.ca/participate and use file number **EB-2023-0298** to:

- Review the application
- File a letter with your comments
- Apply to become an intervenor

IMPORTANT DATES

You must engage with the OEB on or before **November 14, 2023** to:

- Provide input on the hearing type (oral, electronic or written)
- Apply to be an intervenor

If you do not, the hearing will move forward without you, and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding.

PRIVACY

If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the public record and the OEB website. If you are a business or if you apply to become an intervenor, all the information you file will be on the OEB website.

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Ontario Energy Board
T/TTY: 1 877-632-2727
Monday - Friday: 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM
oeb.ca/notice

Upper Canada Transmission 2, Inc.
(888) 767-3006
Monday - Friday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
<https://www.nextbridge.ca/>

This hearing will be held under section 78 of the **Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998**.

Ce document est aussi disponible en français.



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Upper Canada Transmission 2 Inc. a déposé une requête en vue de modifier ses tarifs de transport d'électricité

Upper Canada Transmission 2, Inc. a déposé une requête auprès de la Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario en vue d'obtenir l'approbation de modifier ses tarifs de transport d'électricité à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2024. La requête examinera le recouvrement et le traitement tarifaire des différences entre les coûts de construction réels et les coûts budgétés, les coûts liés à la COVID-19 et les coûts de financement de la dette liés à la construction de la ligne d'interconnexion Est-Ouest. La requête vise à obtenir l'autorisation de :

- liquider certains comptes de report et d'écart pour recouvrer ces coûts;
- ajuster ses besoins en revenus de base pour toutes les années restantes de sa période d'application de la méthode de fixation de tarifs personnalisée de 2024 à 2027;
- créer un nouveau compte d'écart pour le taux d'endettement.

Si la requête est approuvée telle que déposée, la facture mensuelle des clients résidentiels et des clients utilisant les services généraux types augmenterait de la manière suivante :

Client résidentiel (750 kWh)	0,35 \$ par mois
Client de services généraux dont la demande est inférieure à 50 kW (2 000 kWh)	0,75 \$ par mois

Toute modification des tarifs applicable au transport dans la province sera répercutée au niveau de la portion des frais de livraison pour tous les consommateurs d'électricité de l'Ontario. Il est important d'examiner la requête attentivement afin de déterminer si vous serez concernés par les changements proposés.

À SAVOIR

Il existe trois types d'audiences à la Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario (CEO) : les audiences orales, les audiences électroniques et les audiences écrites. Le requérant a demandé une audience écrite. Si vous estimez qu'avoir recours à un autre type d'audience serait préférable, vous pouvez écrire à la CEO pour lui présenter vos arguments.

Au cours de cette audience, nous entendrons les questions et les arguments des participants sur cette affaire. Nous entendrons également les questions et arguments des participants inscrits en tant qu'intervenants. Après l'audience, nous déciderons d'approuver ou non cette demande.

DONNEZ VOTRE AVIS

Vous avez le droit d'être informé au sujet de cette demande et de participer au processus. Visitez le site www.oeb.ca/fr/participez et utilisez le numéro de dossier **EB-2023-0298** pour :

- Examiner la requête;
- Envoyer une lettre comportant vos commentaires;
- Présenter une demande pour devenir un intervenant.

DATES IMPORTANTES

Vous devez communiquer avec la CEO au plus tard le **14 novembre 2023** si vous souhaitez :

- Fournir des renseignements sur le type d'audience (orale, électronique ou écrite);
- Présenter une demande en vue de devenir un intervenant.

À défaut de cela, l'audience se déroulera sans vous et vous ne recevrez plus d'avis dans le cadre de la présente procédure.

PROTECTION DES RENSEIGNEMENTS PERSONNELS

Si vous écrivez une lettre de commentaires, votre nom et le contenu de cette lettre seront ajoutés au dossier public et au site Web de la CEO. Si vous êtes une entreprise ou si vous demandez à devenir un intervenant, tous les renseignements que vous déposez seront disponibles sur le site Web de la CEO.

POUR EN SAVOIR PLUS

Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario

■ /ATS: 1 877-632-2727

☎ Du lundi au vendredi, de 8 h 30 à 17 h

🌐 oeb.ca/notice-fr

Upper Canada Transmission 2, Inc.

■ (888) 767-3006

☎ Du lundi au vendredi, de 9 h à 17 h

🌐 <https://www.nextbridge.ca/>

Cette audience sera tenue en vertu de l'article 78 de la *Loi de 1998 sur la Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario*.

This document is also available in English.



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If the application is approved as filed, a typical residential customer and a typical general service customer of Upper Canada Transmission 2, Inc. would see the following increase effective, January 1, 2024:

Residential (750 kWh)	\$0.35 per month
General Service less than 50kW (2,000 kWh)	\$0.75 per month

Other customers, including businesses, will also be affected. It's important to review the application carefully to determine whether you may be affected by the proposed changes.

The OEB will hold a public hearing. Contact the OEB about the application and how to participate.

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Go to [OEB.ca/Notice](https://oeb.ca/notice) and use **EB-2023-0298** to see the official notice of hearing
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Renseignez-vous. Donnez votre avis.

Upper Canada Transmission 2 Inc. a déposé une requête en vue de modifier ses tarifs de transport d'électricité

Si la requête est approuvée telle quelle, la facture d'un client résidentiel type et d'un client de services généraux type de Upper Canada Transmission 2, Inc. serait modifiée à la hausse de la manière suivante à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2024 :

Client résidentiel (750 kWh)	0,35 \$ par mois
Client de services généraux dont la demande est inférieure à 50 kW (2 000 kWh)	0,75 \$ par mois

D'autres clients, notamment les entreprises, seront également touchés. Il est important d'examiner la requête attentivement afin de déterminer si vous serez concernés par les changements proposés. La CEO tiendra une audience publique. Communiquez avec la CEO au sujet de la demande et de la manière de participer.

Rendez-vous sur la page [OEB.ca/Notice](https://www.oeb.ca/Notice) et cherchez le numéro « EB-2023-0298 » pour consulter l'avis officiel d'audience.



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Exhibit "C"
List of Recipients Served by Electronic Mail

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**LIST OF EB-2020-0150 INTERVENORS AND LICENCED ELECTRICITY
TRANSMITTERS SERVED BY ELECTRONIC MAIL**

Organization	Contact Name	Email
Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario	Shelley Grice	shelley.grice@rogers.com
B2M Limited Partnership	Jeffrey Smith	Jeffrey.smith@b2mlp.ca
Building Owners and Managers Association Toronto	Thomas Brett	tbrett@foglers.com
Building Owners and Managers Association Toronto	Albert Engel	aengel@foglers.com
Building Owners and Managers Association Toronto	Marion Fraser	marion.fraser@rogers.com
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Cat Lake Power Utility Ltd.	Jeffrey Smith	regulatory@hydroone.com
Consumers Council of Canada	Julie Girvan	jgirvan@uniserve.com
Energy Probe Research Foundation	Tom Ladanyi	tom.ladanyi@rogers.com
Energy Probe Research Foundation	Roger Higgin	spainc@rogers.com
Five Nations Energy Inc.	Dorothy Kioke	dorothykioke@fivenations.ca
Hydro One Networks Inc.	Eryn MacKinnon	regulatory@hydroone.com
Hydro One Networks Inc.	Jeffrey Smith	regulatory@hydroone.com
Hydro One Remote Communities Inc.	Jeffrey Smith	regulatory@hydroone.com
Hydro One Sault Ste Marie Inc. on behalf of Hydro One Sault Ste Marie LP	Carla Molina	regulatory@hydroone.com
Independent Electricity System Operator	Maia Chase	RegulatoryAffairs@ieso.ca
Michipicoten First Nation	Chief Patricia Tangie	ptangie@michipicoten.com
Michipicoten First Nation	Jessica Labranche	j.labranche@michipicoten.com

Niagara Reinforcement Limited Partnership	Jeffrey Smith	jeffrey.smith@nrlp.ca (undeliverable email address; revised to: Jeffery.smith@hydroone.com)
School Energy Coalition	Wayne McNally Brian McKay	wayne.mcnally@oesc-cseo.org (undeliverable email address; revised to: sec@oesc-ceso.org)
School Energy Coalition	Mark Rubenstein	mark@shepherdrubenstein.com
School Energy Coalition	Jay Shepherd	jay@shepherdrubenstein.com
Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	John Lawford	jlawford@piac.com (undeliverable email address; revised to: jlawford@piac.ca)
Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	Mark Garner	markgarner@rogers.com
Wataynikaneyap Power GP Inc.	Margaret Kenequanash	WatayRegulatory@wataypower.ca

Exhibit "D"
Electronic Mail Correspondence

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[EXT] Service of Upper Canada Transmission 2 Inc.'s OEB Application for 2024 Electricity Transmission Rates; EB-2023-0298.

You forwarded this message on 11/09/23 8:15 AM.



Bing Maps

Dear All,

I am writing to you on behalf of Upper Canada Transmission 2 Inc. ("UCT 2") regarding an application filed with the Ontario Energy Board ("Board") for approval of UCT 2's 2024 Electricity Transmission Rates ("Application"). The Board has assigned Case Number EB-2023-0298 for its consideration of this Application.

On November 2, 2023, the Board directed UCT 2 to serve (a) all intervenors of record in the Board's EB-2020-0150 proceeding and (b) all licensed electricity transmitters, with information regarding UCT 2's Application. You are receiving this correspondence as you were identified as a contact person for an entity granted intervenor status in the EB-2020-0150 proceeding or are noted on the Board's website as being a contact person for a licensed electricity transmitter.

Electronic copies of the Application, including evidence and amendments made thereto, are available for your review at the following website link: <https://www.rds.oeb.ca/CMWebDrawer/Record?q=casenum:EB-2023-0298&sortBy=recRegisteredOn-&pageLength=400#form1>

All public notices of the Application (English and French versions) which the Board has required service upon you are attached and are also available at the above website link.

The Application concerns the recovery of costs UCT 2 incurred to complete construction of its East-West Tie Transmission Line Project ("Project"). All of these costs have been accounted for in Board approved deferral and variance accounts.

For ease of reference UCT 2's Application is organized as follows:

- Exhibit A – Application & Bill Impacts
- Exhibit B – Custom IR Adjustments
- Exhibit C – COVID Costs
- Exhibit D – Construction Cost Variance Account Adjustments
- Exhibit E – Cost Controls, Contractor Management & Negotiated Reductions
- Exhibit F – Debt Rate Variance Account Adjustments
- Exhibit G – Certificate of Evidence

All of these Exhibits are contained in one PDF file (available at the website link) with search capability and bookmarking to each Exhibit and sections within each Exhibit.

Please note supporting evidence sponsored by Socotec Advisory LLC is found at Exhibit C Tab 2. Due to its size, the Socotec Report and its Appendices were filed as a series of separate PDF files, all of which are accessible from the website link noted above.

On October 24, 2023, UCT 2 filed, under separate cover letter, certain updates to Exhibit A of its Application and evidence. The update resulted in a re-filing of the Exhibit A-G PDF File (described above) as well as the filing of an excel spreadsheet workbook file containing Table information found in the Application. The workbook has been filed as a separate excel file and is also available for review from the website link noted above.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Yours truly,

Tracee Collins
Project Director, East-West Tie Transmission Project
NextEra Energy Transmission, Inc.
700 Universe Boulevard
Juno Beach, Florida 33408

Exhibit "E"
Facebook Post

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Brent Bullough



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<https://www.nextbridge.ca/~media/Microsites/Nextbridge/Docum...> See more



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