



**Alectra Utilities Corporation**

**Application for changes to electricity distribution rates in the PowerStream and  
Enersource Rate Zones effective January 1, 2024**

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2**

**December 8, 2023**

Alectra Utilities Corporation (Alectra Utilities) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board on July 21, 2023, under section 78 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, seeking approval for Incremental Capital Module funding for certain underground cable renewal projects, effective January 1, 2024.

Alectra Utilities filed interrogatory responses from OEB staff and intervenors on September 28, 2023.

OEB staff and intervenors filed their submissions on October 18, 2023, and on November 2, 2023, Alectra Utilities filed its reply submission.

Having reviewed the evidence, the OEB seeks answers to certain questions. Pursuant to Rule 11.01(b) of the OEB's *Rules of Practice and Procedure*, the OEB directs Alectra Utilities to file answers to the questions attached as Schedule A to this Procedural Order.

It is necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding. Further procedural orders may be issued by the OEB.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

1. Alectra Utilities shall file with the OEB complete written responses to the questions attached as Schedule A and serve them on all intervenors by **December 15, 2023**.

Parties are responsible for ensuring that any documents they file with the OEB, such as applicant and intervenor evidence, interrogatories and responses to interrogatories or any other type of document, **do not include personal information** (as that phrase is defined in the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*), unless filed in accordance with rule 9A of the OEB's [Rules of Practice and Procedure](#).

Please quote file number, **EB-2023-0004** for all materials filed and submit them in searchable/unrestricted PDF format with a digital signature through the [OEB's online filing portal](#).

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All communications should be directed to the attention of the Registrar at the address below and be received by end of business, 4:45 p.m., on the required date.

With respect to distribution lists for all electronic correspondence and materials related to this proceeding, parties must include the Case Manager, Oluwole (Wolly) Bibiresanmi at [Oluwole.Bibiresanmi@oeb.ca](mailto:Oluwole.Bibiresanmi@oeb.ca) and OEB Counsel, Lawren Murray at [Lawren.Murray@oeb.ca](mailto:Lawren.Murray@oeb.ca).

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**DATED** at Toronto, **December 8, 2023**

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Nancy Marconi  
Registrar

**SCHEDULE A**  
**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2**  
**ALECTRA UTILITIES CORPORATION**  
**EB-2023-0004**  
**PANEL INFORMATION REQUEST**

## **Panel Information Request-1**

### **Topic: DSP versus 2024 Underground Asset Renewal and Information Technology Budget and Variance**

**Reference:** EB-2023-0004, 1-Staff-9, Attachment 1 DSP Variances

#### **Preamble:**

In the reference Alectra Utilities projected:

- A 2024 DSP - Underground Asset Renewal capital spend of \$95.5 million and a budget of \$76.1 million with a negative variance of \$19.4 million.
- A 2024 DSP Information Technology capital spend of \$8.4 million and a budget of \$19.5 million with a positive variance of \$11 million.

#### **Questions:**

- a. In table format like the referenced table, please provide the 2024 Underground Asset Renewal allocation of the DSP, 2024 budget and variance by rate zone.
- b. In table format, like the referenced table please provide the 2024 Information Technology capital allocation of the DSP, budget, and variance by rate zone. In addition, please explain in detail how Alectra Utilities allocated its Information Technology DSP and budgeted capital by rate zone.

## **Panel Information Request-2**

**Topic:** EB-2022-0013 approved 2023 ICM funding vs. 2023 Budget ICM spend

**Reference 1:** EB-2022-0013 Decision and Order, page 2

**Reference 2:** EB-2023-0004, Alectra\_IRR-1-Staff-4\_Attach 1\_Cable Renewal Spending PRZ ERZ 2017-2024\_20230928.xls

#### **Preamble:**

Per reference 1, the OEB in its decision and order approved 2023 funding totaling \$18.1 million allocated as:

- \$16.2 million for the PowerStream rate zone
- \$1.9 million for the Enersource rate zone

Per reference 2, Alectra Utilities forecasts 2023 ICM capital totaling \$16.1 million allocated as:

- \$13.9 million for the PowerStream rate zone
- \$2.2 million for the Enersource rate zone

Per reference 2, Alectra Utilities 2023 capital forecast for Cable Replacement/Cable Injection/Emerging Underground Projects funded through distribution rates and funded through ICM rate riders in amounts as much as to 7 or 8 decimal points. For example, Alectra Utilities has forecast \$16,187,162.8710661 to be funded through existing

distribution rates in the PowerStream rate zone. The data for all other years and categories is presented to 2 decimal points.

**Questions:**

- a. Please reconcile the difference in 2023 approved ICM funding and the amount forecast to be spent in 2023 and the reasons for the variance.
- b. Please explain the 2023 decimal point anomaly.