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BY EMAIL

January 18, 2024

Ms. Nancy Marconi
Registrar
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor
Toronto ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Marconi:

**Re: System Access Proceeding¹
Status of Settlement Discussions
OEB File Number: EB-2022-0094**

In Procedural Order No. 9 in the above-captioned proceeding, the OEB scheduled a settlement conference for January 9, 2024, to be continued (if necessary) on January 12, 2024. The OEB directed OEB staff to file a letter by January 16, 2024, informing the OEB of the status of the settlement discussions.

On January 16, 2024, OEB staff filed a letter advising that settlement discussions were continuing among the parties. The parties proposed to hold a virtual meeting on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. OEB staff proposed to file a further letter with the OEB by January 18, 2024, with an update on the status of the settlement discussions.

OEB staff advises that the parties met yesterday afternoon, and settlement discussions are ongoing. A further virtual meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 22, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. The parties are not requesting a change to the OEB's January 31, 2024, deadline for a settlement proposal (if a settlement is reached) at this time. OEB staff proposes to file a further letter with the OEB by January 23, 2024, with an update on the status of the settlement discussions and that informs the OEB as to whether a tentative agreement has been reached or if the parties propose to continue the settlement discussions.

¹ Formerly known as a hearing on the Ontario Energy Board's own motion to consider the price paid by rate-regulated natural gas distributors and their customers for natural gas produced in Ontario

Yours truly,

Ritchie Murray
Case Manager

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c: All parties in EB-2022-0094