

February 19, 2024

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Dear Ms Marconi:

EB-2023-0188– OEB Staff Discussion Paper – Evaluation of Policy on Utility Consolidations – Stakeholder Feedback

On February 8, 2024, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) posted an OEB Staff Discussion Paper (the Paper) as the next step in the consultation to review and update the OEB's Handbook to Electricity Distributor and Transmitter Consolidations (MADDS Handbook) and associated Filing Requirements for Consolidation Applications. The OEB invited feedback by February 29, 2024.

I am writing on behalf of the Consumers Council of Canada (Council) to seek an extension to file written comments on the Paper by Wednesday March. 6. These issues are very important to the Council as they ultimately impact the interests of electricity ratepayers. I will be out of the country until February 29 and will not be available to file the Council's written comments by that date. I will be able to file comments by March 6.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Yours truly,

Julie E. Girvan

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CC: Georgette Vlahos, OEB Staff