

February 25, 2024

Ms. Nancy Marconi Registrar Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319 2300 Yonge Street, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

## **Re: EB-2023-0188** Evaluation of Policy on Utility Consolidations Request for Extension to File Comments

I am writing on behalf of AMPCO, SEC and VECC to request an extension to March 6, 2024 to file comments on the OEB Staff Discussion Paper in the above consultation. This consultation is important to customers and due to the additional events occurring the week of February 26, 2024, as described below, additional time is needed.

On February 8, 2024, stakeholders in EB-2023-0188 were invited to provide written comments on all issues addressed in the Staff Discussion Paper by February 29, 2024. Since that time Upper Canada Transmission 2 Inc. on behalf of East-West Tie Limited Partnership (EB-2023-0298) was granted a two-day extension to the Settlement Conference for February 26, 2024 and February 28, 2024 if needed, and the OEB added a two day settlement conference to the schedule for EB-2024-0004 for February 27, 2024 and February 29, 2024. AMPCO, SEC and VECC believe the requested extension provides the additional time needed for parties to appropriately review and consider the OEB Staff Discussion Paper. Further, the requested extension to March 6, 2024 aligns with the extension granted by the OEB on February 22, 2024 to CCC's request to file its comments on March 6, 2024.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or require further information.

Best Regards,

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Colin Anderson President