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Dear Ms. Flood:

Re: EB-2023-0020 Essex Powerlines Corporation Application for 2024 Rates

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) provided a draft Decision and Rate Order and a draft Tariff of Rates and Charges in relation to the above-noted proceeding on March 8, 2024. In its comments on the drafts, Essex Powerlines Corporation (Essex Powerlines) noted the following:

1) Comment on Decision: Essex Powerlines noted the draft decision indicates Essex Powerlines serves approximately 28,600 customers. However, Essex Powerlines stated that the correct number of customers is 34,286 as shown in the Rate Generator Model.

2) Comment on Tariff Sheet: Essex Powerlines noted that the tariff sheet references a rate rider expiry date of December 30, 2024; however, the Findings state that the rate riders will be in effect over the eight-month period from May 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024

Regarding the first comment, the OEB notes that the correct customer number is 31,135 customers. This number reflects customers in the Residential, General Service (GS)<50 and GS>50 customer classes as per the latest Reporting and Record-Keeping Requirements data. The customer count stated by Essex Powerlines of 34,286 includes customer connections for the Sentinel and USL customer classes. The OEB notes that the decision only reflects customers. Therefore, the OEB has corrected the decision to show a customer number of 31,135, not 34,286.

Regarding the second comment, the OEB agrees that this was a typographical model error. The OEB agrees that the rate rider expiry date should show December 31, 2024 and has updated the Tariff accordingly.

The OEB has now issued a final Decision and Rate Order, together with a final Tariff of Rates and Charges. Copies of these documents are enclosed with this letter.

Yours truly,

Nancy Marconi
Registrar