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Ms. Nancy Marconi
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor
Toronto, ON M4P1E4

Dear Ms. Marconi:

**Re: Festival Hydro Inc. (“Festival”) Cost of Service Application for 2025
Electricity Distribution Rates (“Application”)
Ontario Energy Board (“OEB”) File No. EB-2024-0023**

Please find enclosed Festival’s Application filed in accordance with the OEB’s Filing Requirements for Transmission and Distribution Applications.

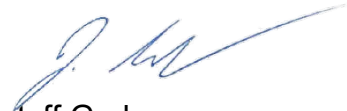
Festival is hereby requesting confidential treatment of the information in the table below, pursuant to sections 10.01 and 10.02 of the OEB’s *Rules of Practice and Procedure* (revised July 13, 2023) and sections 5.1.1 and 5.1.2 of the OEB’s *Practice Direction on Confidential Filings* (revised December 17, 2021) (“**Practice Direction**”).

<p>Exhibit 2, Attachment 2, page 967</p> <p>Evaluation of Confidential Bids Received for AMI 2.0 Project (“AMI 2.0 Evaluation”)</p>	<p>In order to demonstrate prudence of the investment in AMI 2.0, Festival is providing the AMI 2.0 Evaluation that includes information about its evaluation of all bids received as part of a competitive procurement process. This detailed document provides unit pricing and/or billing rates of third-party vendors and weighting factors that Festival uses in evaluating bids received as part of a competitive procurement process. Disclosure of this information could prejudice both Festival’s and the procurement process participants’ competitive position. The AMI 2.0 Evaluation also contains sensitive confidential information evaluating future products, warranties, and specific terms and conditions for this project.</p> <p>Moreover, in the request for proposals on the AMI 2.0 project Festival required that proponents must label any confidential information provided to Festival, which includes information that is provided in the AMI 2.0 Evaluation such as total costs and cost per meter. Festival</p>
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	<p>also entered into Non-Disclosure Agreements with applicable vendors. The terms of Festival's request for proposals also included a statement that it would be a competitive sealed process.</p> <p>Disclosure of this information could result in fewer vendors participating in future procurements by Festival. This could reasonably be expected to negatively impact customers since there would be less competition by third party vendors to service Festival.</p> <p>This information is presumptively confidential under the Appendix B of the Practice Direction. The information consists of financial and commercial information that is consistently treated in a confidential manner by the Festival.</p>
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Thus, Festival is filing the AMI 2.0 Evaluation confidentially with the OEB.

Yours truly,



Jeff Graham
President and Chief Executive Officer