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Nancy Marconi
Registrar
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Dear Ms. Marconi:

Re: **Ontario Energy Board (OEB) Staff
OEB Staff Expert Evidence
Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited
2025-2029 Custom Rate Application for Electricity Distribution Rates and
Charges
Ontario Energy Board File Number: EB-2023-0195**

In Procedural Order No. 1, dated January 15, 2024, the OEB made provision for the filing of expert evidence. This procedural order identified dates for the filing of such evidence, written interrogatories, and written responses. Subsequently, Procedural Order No. 4, dated April 23, 2024, revised the dates for filing expert evidence from OEB staff and intervenors and also revised the dates for written interrogatories on this evidence. These two procedural orders established the following dates:

- If OEB staff or any intervenor are filing expert evidence that is relevant to this proceeding, that evidence shall be filed with the OEB and copied to Toronto Hydro and intervenors, by **May 2, 2024**.
- If any party seeks information and material with respect to any evidence filed by OEB staff or any intervenor that is in addition to the evidence filed with the OEB, and that is relevant to this proceeding, that information shall be requested by written interrogatories filed with the OEB, and copied to Toronto Hydro and intervenors, by **May 9, 2024**.

- OEB staff or intervenors that receive interrogatories on their evidence shall file with the OEB complete responses to the interrogatories and copy the responses to Toronto Hydro and intervenors by **May 17, 2024**.

On January 24, 2024, OEB staff advised the OEB of its intention file two expert reports prepared by Pacific Economics Group (PEG): one report related to the evidence prepared by Clearspring Energy Advisors (Clearspring), and another report related to the evidence prepared by Scott Madden Management Consultants.

Also on January 24, 2024, Toronto Hydro requested the OEB to reschedule the Technical Conference from the dates set out in Procedural Order No. 1, April 2 to April 8, 2024, to April 8 to April 12, 2024.

OEB staff requests an extension for its consultant, PEG, to file the report related to the evidence prepared by Clearspring. This is requested on the basis of the shift in timing of the Technical Conference and that more time is required to finalize this report. OEB staff note that, as set out in Procedural Order No. 1, the Settlement Conference is scheduled for May 27 to May 31. OEB staff wishes to provide sufficient time for Toronto Hydro and parties to this proceeding to perform discovery on this PEG report without affecting the Settlement Conference dates. Accordingly, OEB staff request the following procedural dates only in relation to PEG's report regarding Clearspring's evidence:

- OEB staff shall file PEG's report regarding the evidence prepared by Clearspring, and provide a copy to Toronto Hydro and intervenors by **May 6, 2024**.
- If Toronto Hydro or any party seeks any relevant information with respect to this evidence filed, they do so by written interrogatories filed with the OEB, and copied to Toronto Hydro and intervenors, by **May 13, 2024**.
- OEB staff shall file with the OEB any written responses related to the above interrogatories and serve them on Toronto Hydro and intervenors by **May 21, 2024**.

OEB staff submits that these extensions would not impact the further steps in the proceeding, as the extension to interrogatory responses only constitutes one business day. Any questions relating to this letter should be directed to Thomas Eminowicz at Thomas.Eminowicz@oeb.ca.

Yours truly,

Thomas Eminowicz
Senior Advisor

c: All intervenors, Toronto Hydro, Charles Keizer, Arlen Sternberg