

Algoma Power Inc.

**Application for electricity distribution rates and other
charges effective January 1, 2025**

**DECISION ON CONFIDENTIALITY
November 5, 2024**

Algoma Power Inc. (Algoma Power) filed a distribution rate application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on June 3, 2024, under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, seeking approval for changes to its electricity distribution rates to be effective January 1, 2025.

Procedural Order No. 1, issued on July 22, 2024, set out dates for a settlement conference which convened on September 18, 2024 and concluded on September 25, 2024. As part of the settlement process, the intervenors, namely School Energy Coalition, Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition and the Independent Electricity System Operator, as well as OEB staff, requested additional information prior to the settlement conference (pre-settlement questions).

On October 25, 2024, Algoma Power filed a settlement proposal. Algoma Power also filed responses to the pre-settlement questions as supplemental information to support the settlement proposal. As part of this filing, Algoma Power requested confidential treatment with respect to the response for one of the pre-settlement questions (PSC-VECC-51). Algoma Power argued that PSC-VECC-51 discusses forecast contractor costs for its vegetation management program in 2025. Algoma Power noted that it is currently negotiating contracts for vegetation management with contractors. As such, the forecast contract cost is commercially sensitive information and disclosing that information could negatively impact Algoma Power's negotiating position with respect to those contracts.

Algoma Power proposed redactions from the public record of its forecast average cost per km of vegetation management and total forecast costs. There were no objections regarding this confidentiality request.

The OEB has considered Appendices A and B of the [*Practice Direction on Confidential Filings*](#) and finds that the redacted information is confidential. The OEB finds that some

of the redactions could result in potential harm if disclosed as the information could interfere significantly with negotiations carried out by Algoma Power as referenced in Appendix A. The OEB also finds that some of the redactions are presumptively considered confidential as referenced in Appendix B, relating to third party contractor pricing for vegetation management. As a result, the OEB approves Algoma Power's request.

DATED at Toronto, **November 5, 2024**

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Nancy Marconi
Registrar