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Ms. Nancy Marconi Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Marconi:

Re: Essex Powerlines Corporation ("EPLC") Cost of Service Application for 2025 Electricity Distribution Rates ("Application") Ontario Energy Board ("OEB") File No. EB-2024-0022 / EB-2024-0096 Reply Submission – 2025 PowerShare Distribution System Operator Capital Additions

On October 15, 2024, the OEB approved a partial settlement proposal on all issues on the OEB's Approved Issues List for this proceeding ("October Partial Settlement"),¹ except: (a) Issues 7.4 and 7.5 that were determined in an earlier OEB Decision and Order EB-2024-0096 issued on August 29, 2024 wherein the OEB approved the PowerShare Deferral Account ("PowerShare DVA") with an effective date of July 1, 2024 and an end date of March 31, 2026, subject to a cap, such that the maximum amount of costs to be recorded in the account is \$350,000 ("August DVA Decision"); and (b) costs relating to 2025 Distribution System Operator ("DSO") PowerShare Pilot capital additions ("Unsettled Issue").

The October Partial Settlement set out a procedural schedule for the Unsettled Issue whereby EPLC would file its reply submission and deliver it on all parties by November 6, 2024. EPLC requests an extension to file its reply submission and deliver it on all parties by November 8, 2024. EPLC did not expect an unanticipated elevated workload to overlap with the degree of effort required to respond to OEB Staff and intervenor submissions when initially requesting the procedural schedule.

Yours truly,

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¹ Issues List, 27 June 2024, online: <<u>https://www.rds.oeb.ca/CMWebDrawer/Record/857671/File/document</u>>