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Dear Ms. Marconi:

## Re: ERTH Power Corporation ("ERTH") 2025 Application for 2025 Rates – EB-2024-0021 ("Application") Confidential Interrogatory Responses

We represent ERTH in the above noted matter. Pursuant to Procedural Order No. 1, on January 7<sup>th</sup> ERTH filed responses to all interrogatories except for SEC-1.

ERTH is filing with the Ontario Energy Board ("**OEB**") certain information in response to SEC-1 that is confidential and/or subject to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* ("FIPPA"). ERTH is hereby requesting confidential treatment of the information in the table below pursuant to sections 9A, 10.01 and 10.02 of the OEB's Rules of Practice and Procedure (revised March 6, 2024) and sections 5.1.1, 5.1.2, 10 and 11 of the OEB's Practice Direction on Confidential Filings (revised December 17, 2021, "**Practice Direction**").

Reference	Reason for Confidentiality
SEC-1, Attachment 1 Directors Meeting (Oct 20, 2022)	Section 11 of the Practice Direction. This record contains some information that is relevant and other information that is not relevant to SEC-1. ERTH is providing all relevant information in relation to the New Facility that was requested in SEC-1. The redacted information is not relevant to the Application as it relates to ERTH Board's business strategy broadly and does not relate to the New Facility. The redacted information relates to unrelated business growth strategies and opportunities, risk management and corporate sustainability, innovation to enhance customer experience and performance excellence, and market reputation and strong community relations
	community relations.

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	In accordance with 11.1.4, if the OEB determines that some or all of the redacted information is relevant, ERTH requests an opportunity to assess whether any of the information is confidential or contains personal information and make further submissions. Some of the information that is redacted may also be confidential and/or contain personal information.
SEC-1, Attachment 3 Directors Meeting (Feb 16, 2023), page 1	Sections 4 and 5 of the Practice Direction. The redacted information relates to financial information about an unsuccessful bid by ERTH as part of a competitive process to acquire alternative real estate for the New Facility. ERTH does not want to prejudice this landowner's competitive position in the marketplace by publicly disclosing confidential business negotiations that were never ultimately concluded. In the event this information is not presumptively confidential, ERTH submits it should remain confidential on the basis of sections (a)(i) and (a)(iii) of Appendix A of the Practice Direction.
SEC-1, Attachment 9 Special Shareholder Meeting (Mar 23, 2023), page 5	See the response above for Attachment 3. The redactions contain the same information.
SEC-1, Attachment 10, Bid Summary and Report Recommendations	Sections 4 and 5 of the Practice Direction. ERTH is requesting the entire document be filed confidentially with the OEB. This document contains confidential information about bids received from construction contractors for the New Facility. The document compares all bids to one another, including unsuccessful bids, and provides confidential costs and a list of preferred subcontractors. ERTH submits this information is presumptively confidential in accordance with section 4 of Appendix B of the Practice Direction. In the event this document is not presumptively confidential, the OEB has similarly granted confidentiality over information related to requests for proposals in other cases. <sup>1</sup>

Yours truly,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Decision on Confidentiality EB-2021-0149, Enbridge Gas Inc., August 16, 2021, online: <<u>https://www.rds.oeb.ca/CMWebDrawer/Record/722285/File/document</u>>

## **RESPONSES TO SCHOOL ENERGY COALITION INTERROGATORIES**

#### **INTERROGATORY SEC-1**

[2025 IRM Application Part 1, Appendix A, ICM Application]

a. Please provide a copy of all materials provided to each of the ERTH Power and ERTH CORP Board of

Directors regarding the New Facility.

b. Please provide a copy of all internal business cases or similar documents outlining the cost, benefits, risks, options, etc. for the New Facility.

#### **RESPONSE:**

- a) The following is a list of materials provided to ERTH Power's Board of Directors related to the New Facility:
  - Attachment 1 2022\_10\_Package\_Decision Item 2023 Action Plan\_REDACTED.pdf
  - Attachment 2 2022\_10\_Package\_Resolution\_ERTH BoD\_2023 Corporate Action Plan.pdf
  - Attachment 3 2023\_02\_Package\_Decision Item\_ERTH Corporation\_LDC Hub Land Acquisition16Feb2023\_final\_REDACTED.pdf
  - Attachment 4 2023\_02\_Package\_Resolution\_ERTHCorp\_Land Purchase\_385 Thomas Street\_2023FEB16.pd
  - Attachment 5 2023\_03\_Package\_Special Shareholder Meeting\_Resolution EPC Land Acquisition 385 Thomas St\_2023MAR23.pdf
  - Attachment 6 2024\_02\_Package\_Shareholder Special Meeting\_Approval\_New Building Construction Approval\_15Feb2024\_Final.pdf
  - Attachment 7 2024\_02\_Special Shareholder Meeting\_Resolution New Build\_15Feb2024\_Final.pdf
  - Attachment 8 2024\_09\_Package\_Special Board Meeting\_Resolution\_Construction Bid.pdf
  - Attachment 9 Package\_ERTH Corporation\_Special Shareholder Meeting\_2023MAR23\_Redacted.pdf
  - Attachment 10 2024\_09\_Package\_Special Board Meeting\_Bid analysis Letter.pdf
  - Attachment 11 2023\_12\_Package\_DRAFT\_ERTH Facility ICM Model Ouptut Summary 20231127\_Utilis.pdf
  - Attachment 12 2023\_12\_Package\_DRAFT\_Utilis ERTH New Facility Business Plan 20231202.pdf
- b) The following is a list of internal business cases and documents that outlined business analysis elements related to the New Facility noted in the question:
  - a. Please see the New Facility Business Plan noted above in the Board of Directors file listing as Attachments 11 and 12.