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Ms. Nancy Marconi
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Dear Ms. Marconi:

**Re: ERTH Power Corporation (“ERTH Power”) Application for 2025 Distribution Rates and Incremental Capital Funding (“Application”)
Ontario Energy Board (“OEB”) File Number: EB-2024-0021
Technical Conference – Transcript Corrections**

Enclosed as Appendix A, please find ERTH Power’s transcript corrections from the Technical Conference held on February 6, 2024.

Please contact the undersigned for any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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cc: EB-2024-0021 Parties

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Appendix A – Transcript Corrections

#	Transcript Reference	Passage	Correction
1	No Page Number, <u>Undertakings</u> Heading, Page 2	N/A	JT.11: To File Bronnenco's Most Recent Construction Schedule/Grant
2	No Page Number, <u>Undertakings</u> Heading, Page 2; Page 113, Lines 18-19	Undertaking JT1.13: To provide a calculation of the market rate for the affiliates for the new facilities	To provide a calculation of the fully allocated costs for the affiliates use of the new facility.
3	Page 6, Line 4	Robert Kent, COO ERTH Power, Robert, R-o-b-e-r-t, Kent, K-e-n-t	Robert Kent, CFO ERTH Power, Robert, R-o-b-e-r-t, Kent, K-e-n-t
4	Page 8, Line 7	We wanted to point out that SEC used 5,624 square feet to be allocated for use -- that amount was the amount to be allocated for use by the LDC	We wanted to point out that SEC used 50,624 square feet to be allocated for use -- that amount was the amount to be allocated for use by the LDC
5	Page 8, Line 7	In SEC-13, SEC had prepared a table comparing cost per square foot per of ERTH's new building to Algoma, Milton, Waterloo, and EnPower	In SEC-13, SEC had prepared a table comparing cost per square foot per of ERTH's new building to Algoma, Milton, Waterloo, and InnPower
6	Page 8, Line 18	This amount was originally stated as \$217,260, the amount from the actual settlement conference was \$22,995	This amount was originally stated as \$217,260, the amount from the actual settlement conference was \$222,995
7	Page 9, Line 20	However in order to save costs ERTH and its consulting firm determined that three horizontal geofields would be equally efficient and more cost-effective, thus reducing the cost estimate from 491 to 410,000	However in order to save costs ERTH and its consulting firm determined that three horizontal geofields would be equally efficient and more cost-effective, thus reducing the cost estimate from 491,000 to 410,000
8	Page 11, Line 27, Line 28	And we are 220 kilometres, as the crow flies, from the shores of Lake Erie and Port Stanley to the shores of Lake Huron and Goderich	And we are 220 kilometres, as the crow flies, from the shores of Lake Erie and in Port Stanley to the shores of Lake Huron and in Goderich
9	Page 35, Line 8,	And my understanding is that the next step in the process was to hire PAL Engineering, if that's correct	And my understanding is that the next step in the process was to hire POW Engineering, if that's correct
10	Page 35, Line 18	But, hiring PAL, when was it that PAL was hired, and how were they chosen?	But, hiring POW, when was it that POW was hired, and how were they chosen?
11	Page 35, Line 25	One of our shareholders, West Perth, had just recently gone through a facility reconstruction, new build I	One of our shareholders, West Perth, had just recently gone through a facility reconstruction, new build I



		guess, and they had leveraged NelsonDaly , who is noted in our evidence, as the consultant that they used	guess, and they had leveraged Nelson Daly , who is noted in our evidence, as the consultant that they used
12	Page 40, Line 19	We certainly, right from the onset, with POW Engineering and Alan Evis , the architects, noted the fact that, you know, this was not to be a Taj Mahal facility	We certainly, right from the onset, with POW Engineering and Allan Avis , the architects, noted the fact that, you know, this was not to be a Taj Mahal facility
13	Page 47, Line 22	The three options analyzed in the business case is status quo, wherein ERTH Power remains at Bell Street in Aylmer at their current capacities	The three options analyzed in the business case is status quo, wherein ERTH Power remains at Bell Street and Aylmer at their current capacities
14	Page 52, Line 16	And the OM&A that is included there -- because my understanding from other responses to IRs, for example, I think Staff-6Ai , which we don't need to pull up, but you had not forecasted the costs and we also don't know what the costs are, as the OM&A costs as the baseline for the deferral account or the variance account	And the OM&A that is included there -- because my understanding from other responses to IRs, for example, I think Staff-6A , which we don't need to pull up, but you had not forecasted the costs and we also don't know what the costs are, as the OM&A costs as the baseline for the deferral account or the variance account
15	Page 54, Line 15	So, on a sort of conceptual rate-making level, the ICM model incorporates obviously depreciation expense NCCA	So, on a sort of conceptual rate-making level, the ICM model incorporates obviously depreciation expense CCA
16	Page 53, Line 15	That said, unlike the new facility we do have a sense for what the O&M is -- my apologies for the court reporter . The operations and maintenance expenditures are for the Aylmer facility	That said, unlike the new facility we do have a sense for what the O&M is -- my apologies for the court reporter -- the operations and maintenance expenditures are for the Aylmer facility
17	Page 71, Line 6	I know that we looked at some charge of funding as well	I know that we looked at some charges of funding as well
18	Page 71, Line 13	Yeah, just to further on the Enercan Funding , a facility actually has to be in service to apply for business EV charging infrastructure, so we didn't qualify initially	Yeah, just to further on the NRCAN Funding , a facility actually has to be in service to apply for business EV charging infrastructure, so we didn't qualify initially
19	Page 72, Line 9	For the benefit of the transcript, I understand that to be take one of the tier facilities	For the benefit of the transcript, I understand that to be take one of the peer facilities
20	Page 73, Line 24	But, with the update in the conventional facility cost and using this now \$57,170 , if you could just provide your interpretation of cost per square footage for the four comparators, for the proposed ERTH Power and for the conventional	But, with the update in the conventional facility cost and using this now \$7,170 , if you could just provide your interpretation of cost per square footage for the four comparators, for the proposed ERTH Power and for the conventional



21	Page 77, Line 22, Line 24	I will note, Ms. Scott, that we have proposed a DBA to try to capture that rent back for ratepayers in this process. So, although the request is to pay for those square feet, there is also a DBA that is intended to protect you	I will note, Ms. Scott, that we have proposed a DVA to try to capture that rent back for ratepayers in this process. So, although the request is to pay for those square feet, there is also a DVA that is intended to protect you
22	Page 80, Line 28	ERTH Power would currently save the power that you pay to ERTH Corp	ERTH Power would currently save the rent that you pay to ERTH Corp
23	Page 82, Line 20	So the \$1.5 million solar offsets about \$110,004 worth of energy each year and a simple payback was just about 13 and a half years	So the \$1.5 million solar offsets about \$110,400 worth of energy each year and a simple payback was just about 13 and a half years
24	Page 83, Line 10	That would be accounted for in that O&A variance account. There would be no more building repair and maintenance, no more gas costs, no more lease hold improvements	That would be accounted for in that OM&A variance account. There would be no more building repair and maintenance, no more gas costs, no more lease hold improvements
25	Page 83, Line 19	The largest outstanding item is the property taxes which we've estimated and we've been trying to ascertain a better number with impact	The largest outstanding item is the property taxes which we've estimated and we've been trying to ascertain a better number with MPAC
26	Page 92, Line 2, Line 4	MS. GRICE: And I saw somewhere in the evidence referring to POW Engineering . Are they two different firms, or is that the same firm? MR. WHITE: It is the same firm. The POW is an error on our part in the report. It is actually POW Peterman Engineering	MS. GRICE: And I saw somewhere in the evidence referring to Powell Engineering . Are they two different firms, or is that the same firm? MR. WHITE: It is the same firm. The Powell is an error on our part in the report. It is actually POW Peterman Engineering
27	Page 95, Line 21	Can we just have a moment to focus , Ms. Grice?	Can we just have a moment to caucus , Ms. Grice
28	Page 119, Line 17	So can you please provide further explanation or clarification of the correction calculations? I mean, you can use account 1588 as an example	So can you please provide further explanation or clarification of the correction calculations? I mean, you can use account 1580 as an example
29	Page 119, Line 26	Thank you. When completing the continuity schedule for the two rate generating models, I noticed there was a calculation in our back-up spreadsheets that we used to determine what the entry should be for the interest calculation and booked the GL	Thank you. When completing the continuity schedule for the two rate generator models, I noticed there was a calculation in our back-up spreadsheets that we used to determine what the entry should be for the interest calculation and booked the GL
30	Page 122, Line 9	I have a question on the GLS work forms. Can we please pull up response to Staff-18	I have a question on the GA work forms. Can we please pull up response to Staff-18

