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Ontario Energy Board
P.O. Box 2319,
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4
Attention: Acting Registrar

Dear Mr. Murray,

**Re: Oshawa PUC Networks Inc. (“OPUCN”)
2025 Cost of Service Application (the “Application”)
Board File No.: EB-2025-0014**

We are counsel to the Distributed Resource Coalition (“**DRC**”) in the above-noted proceeding (the “**Proceeding**”). We provide these submissions on the form of hearing pertaining to the unsettled issues pursuant to Procedural Order No. 4.

DRC has had the opportunity to review the submissions of several other intervenors in this proceeding, including School Energy Coalition (“**SEC**”), Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario, Pollution Probe, and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition.

DRC generally supports the submissions of the other intervenors that the following issues are appropriate for a written hearing:

- 3.2 – Proposed PILs;
- 4.1 – Load forecast;
- 5.1 – Cost allocation;
- 5.2 – Rate design including fixed variable splits;
- 7.1 – Effective date; and,
- 7.2 – Responding to all relevant OEB directions from previous proceedings.

DRC submits that, for the balance of the unsettled issues, a hybrid oral hearing is the more appropriate forum. Oral testing of the evidence will promote clarity on the record and allow the Board to better assess the implications of the Application and the responses of witnesses regarding the unsettled issues. DRC agrees with SEC’s submissions on the appropriateness of in-person attendance for witnesses at oral hearings and supports the general consensus among intervenors that OPUCN’s witnesses be required to attend the oral hearing portion pertaining to the unsettled issues in person, absent exceptional circumstances that would make attendance unreasonable.

DRC does not take a position on the appropriate length of the proposed hybrid oral hearing, recognizing that the Board is best positioned to determine the time required. Instead, DRC

respectfully requests that the Board consider the overall procedural schedule in a holistic manner, taking into account the numerous concurrent proceedings and consultations in which many intervenors are currently engaged or expect to participate.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Vollmer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a stylized "V".

DT Vollmer

c. All parties