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Mr. Ritchie Murray
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Dear Mr. Murray;

RE: OEB File No. EB-2025-0252, Alectra Utilities Corporation (“Alectra Utilities”) 2027-2031 Custom Rate Application for Electricity Distribution Rates and Charges (the “Application”) - Request for Confirmation of Confidential Treatment of Clearspring Energy Advisors’ Datasets and Models and Timing for Delivery of Corresponding PEG Material

On January 5, 2026, Alectra Utilities received a request from OEB Staff to provide the dataset and models underlying Clearspring Energy Advisors’ (“Clearspring”) Econometric Benchmarking Report at this stage, in advance of the interrogatory process and to facilitate an efficient process.

Alectra Utilities is willing to accommodate OEB Staff’s request for early production of the Clearspring working papers on the same basis as has been accepted and directed in the past¹, namely that: (i) the working papers will be treated as confidential and only provided to parties who sign the OEB’s Declaration and Undertaking (including OEB Staff’s expert consultant, who we understand is PEG); and (ii) in the event PEG delivers a responding report in this proceeding, it shall file its corresponding working papers at the same time as it delivers its responding report – with Clearspring being given reasonable time to review them in advance of the time for filing interrogatories on any such report. We are in a position to provide access today to Clearspring’s working papers on a confidential basis and propose to do so as per OEB staff’s request.

Accordingly, pursuant to Rule 10.01 of the OEB’s *Rules of Practice and Procedure and the OEB’s Practice Direction on Confidential Filings*, and on behalf of Clearspring, Alectra Utilities seeks confirmation of confidential treatment of the working papers being filed in response to OEB Staff’s request. This information consists of proprietary, technical, and commercially sensitive dataset and models that represents significant work undertaken by Clearspring and holds considerable commercial value. As noted, this information has been treated as confidential in previous proceedings on the grounds that public disclosure would result in financial and competitive harm

¹ See for example EB-2021-0110 and EB-2023-0195

to Clearspring². Alectra Utilities also ask for confirmation of the above timing for delivery of PEG's similar working papers (in the event of delivery of a report by PEG).

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

Christine E. Long
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Alectra Utilities Corporation

cc: Charles Keizer and Arlen Sternberg, Torys LLP; all intervenors

² EB-2018-0165, EB-2021-0110 and EB-2023-0195