



## Alectra Utilities Corporation

### Application for electricity distribution rates and other charges beginning January 1, 2027

#### DECISION AND ORDER ON CONFIDENTIALITY February 25, 2026

Alectra Utilities Corporation filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board on October 14, 2025, under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, seeking approval for changes to the rates that Alectra Utilities charges for electricity distribution, beginning January 1, 2027, and for each following year through December 31, 2031.

As part of its application, Alectra Utilities seeks confidential treatment, pursuant to the OEB's Practice Direction on Confidential Filings<sup>1</sup>, by letters dated October 14, 2025<sup>2</sup>, October 27, 2025<sup>3</sup>, and November 24, 2025<sup>4</sup> for the following information:

- Information relates to existing security vulnerabilities at specific properties
  - Exhibit 2A, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Distribution System Plan, Chapter 5, page 259
  - Exhibit 2A, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Distribution System Plan, Appendix B04, pages 161-162 and 180
  - Exhibit 2A, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Distribution System Plan, Appendix B07, pages 277, 282-283, and 286
  - Exhibit 2A, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Distribution System Plan, Appendix B12, page 461
  - Exhibit 2A, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Distribution System Plan, Appendix O, pages 3 and 6-7
- Cyber security information
  - Exhibit 2A, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Distribution System Plan, Appendix B09, pages 346-347, 362-363, 367, 369-370, 374, 379, 380, 386, 388
  - Exhibit 2A, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Distribution System Plan, Appendix B14, pages 582-583

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<sup>1</sup> OEB, [Practice Direction on Confidential Filings](#), December 17, 2021

<sup>2</sup> EB-2025-0252, [Letter to OEB](#), October 14, 2025

<sup>3</sup> EB-2025-0252, [Letter to OEB](#), October 27, 2025

<sup>4</sup> EB-2025-0252, [Letter to OEB](#), November 24, 2025

- Exhibit 4, Tab 2, Schedule 8, Attachment 4-5, pages 4, 8, 41-43, 63-65, 67, 78-82
- Third party technical material with respect to the Copperleaf optimization tools
  - Exhibit 2A, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Distribution System Plan, Appendix C, pages 27-28, 30-34, 36-46, 48-57, 59-60, 62-63, 65-71, 75-79, 81-85, 87, 91, 93
- Registered business numbers, names, phone numbers, job titles, qualifications of Alectra Utilities employees, and specifications of charitable donations
  - Exhibit 6, Tab 2, Schedule 1, T2 Corporation Income Tax Return and Scientific Research and Experimental Development (SR&ED) Form

OEB staff filed a submission on December 19, 2025.<sup>5</sup> No other submissions were filed with the OEB.

In its submission, OEB staff did not support certain redactions related to existing security vulnerabilities at specific Alectra Utilities properties, cybersecurity information, and third-party proprietary information based on Alectra Utilities' rationale.

For registered business numbers and information contained in corporate information Tax Return SR&ED Form, OEB staff agreed with the proposed redactions and Alectra Utilities' rationale that the redacted information is irrelevant. However, OEB staff disagreed with Alectra Utilities' rationale, which states that the proposed redactions are presumptively confidential under Appendix B, Part 11, since the information does not fall within the categories specified in the OEB's Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements.

In addition, OEB staff identified redaction errors in certain documents and noted that the "Rationale for Request" column that relates to security and cybersecurity information contained multiple reasons that are not specific to each redaction that Alectra Utilities' requested.

On January 9, 2026, Alectra Utilities filed its reply submission.<sup>6</sup> Alectra Utilities agreed with OEB staff's submission and acknowledged redaction errors identified by OEB staff. In addition, Alectra Utilities stated that it is requesting that only the second project name be redacted in Exhibit 2A, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Distribution System Plan, Appendix B09, page 362, Table B09, rather than the entire "Project Code" column.

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<sup>5</sup> EB-2025-0252, [OEB Staff Submission](#), December 19, 2025

<sup>6</sup> EB-2025-0252, [Alectra Utilities Reply Submission](#), January 9, 2026

## Findings

The OEB approves Alectra Utilities' confidentiality requests for certain redactions (as indicated in its letters dated November 24, 2025) listed below. The OEB has considered the Practice Direction on Confidential Filings and the rationale provided by Alectra Utilities in the letter and in its reply submission, as well as OEB staff's submission.

### Information Related to Existing Security Vulnerabilities at Specific Properties

The OEB finds that the redacted information related to existing security vulnerabilities and specific properties, with some exceptions listed below, is confidential and shall remain redacted, as its disclosure would reveal Alectra Utilities' vulnerabilities and planned security measures.

The OEB finds that the exceptions listed below are not confidential due to reasons cited in OEB staff's submission and as agreed upon by Alectra Utilities in its reply submission, and therefore shall be unredacted and re-filed by Alectra Utilities with the OEB.

- Exhibit 2A, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Distribution System Plan, Chapter 5, page 259
- Exhibit 2A, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Distribution System Plan, Appendix B07, page 277, lines 25-26
- Exhibit 2A, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Distribution System Plan, Appendix O, pages 3 and 6-7

### Cyber Security Information

The OEB finds that disclosing the information in Exhibit 2A, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Distribution System Plan, Appendix B09, pages 346-347, 362-363, 367, 369-370, 374, 379, and 388 (lines 9-11) is confidential, as it reveals Alectra Utilities' vulnerabilities and planned cybersecurity measures. The information shall remain redacted. In addition, the OEB approves Alectra Utilities' proposal in its reply submission to no longer seek confidential treatment for any of the project codes for the first or third project names in the table on page 362 of Appendix B09. The information shall be unredacted and re-filed by Alectra Utilities with the OEB.

The OEB finds that the requested redactions in Exhibit 2A, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Distribution System Plan, Appendix B14, pages 582-583 are confidential, as it describes Alectra Utilities' Information and Technology Networks Infrastructure. The information shall remain redacted.

The OEB finds that the redactions in Exhibit 2A, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Distribution System Plan, Appendix B09, page 388 (lines 12-14), and Exhibit 4, Tab 2, Schedule 8,

Attachment 4-5 (Gartner IT Report) are not confidential for the reasons cited in OEB staff's submission and agreed upon by Alectra Utilities in its reply submission. The information shall be unredacted and re-filed by Alectra Utilities with the OEB.

Third Party Technical Material with Respect to the Copperleaf Optimization Tools

The OEB finds that the redacted information in Exhibit 2A, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Distribution System Plan, Appendix C is confidential, as its disclosure would reveal commercially sensitive information, except for the redactions in the "Measure Description" sections, which Alectra Utilities agreed in its reply submission to publicly disclose. The information in the "Measure Description" sections shall be unredacted and re-filed by Alectra Utilities with the OEB.

Registered Business Numbers, Names, Phone numbers, Job Titles, Qualifications of Alectra Utilities Employees, and Specifications of Charitable Donations

The OEB finds that the redacted information requested by Alectra Utilities in its Corporate Income Tax Return and Scientific Research and Experimental Development confidential and shall remain redacted.

**THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:**

1. Alectra Utilities shall, in accordance with the findings above, file revised evidence by March 2, 2026.

Parties are responsible for ensuring that any documents they file with the OEB, such as applicant and intervenor evidence, interrogatories and responses to interrogatories or any other type of document, **do not include personal information** (as that phrase is defined in the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*), unless filed in accordance with rule 9A of the OEB's [Rules of Practice and Procedure](#).

Please quote file number, **EB-2025-0252** for all materials filed and submit them in searchable/unrestricted PDF format with a digital signature through the [OEB's online filing portal](#).

- Filings should clearly state the sender's name, postal address, telephone number and e-mail address.
- Please use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the [Regulatory Electronic Submission System \(RESS\) Document Guidelines](#) found at the [File documents online page](#) on the OEB's website.
- Parties are encouraged to use RESS. Those who have not yet [set up an account](#), or require assistance using the online filing portal can contact [registrar@oeb.ca](mailto:registrar@oeb.ca) for assistance.

- Cost claims are filed through the OEB's online filing portal. Please visit the [File documents online page](#) of the OEB's website for more information. All participants shall download a copy of their submitted cost claim and serve it on all required parties as per the [Practice Direction on Cost Awards](#).

All communications should be directed to the attention of the Registrar and be received by end of business, 4:45 p.m., on the required date.

With respect to distribution lists for all electronic correspondence and materials related to this proceeding, parties must include the Case Manager, Narisa Jotiban at [Narisa.Jotiban@oeb.ca](mailto:Narisa.Jotiban@oeb.ca) and OEB Counsel, Raman Dhillon at [Raman.Dhillon@oeb.ca](mailto:Raman.Dhillon@oeb.ca).

**DATED** at Toronto, February 25, 2026

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Ritchie Murray  
Acting Registrar