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Ritchie Murray
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Dear Ritchie Murray:

**Re: Ontario Energy Board (OEB) Staff Submission
Alectra Utilities Corporation (Alectra Utilities)
2027-2031 Custom Rate Application for Electricity Distribution Rates and
Charges
OEB File Number: EB-2025-0252**

Please find attached OEB staff's submission in the above referenced proceeding, pursuant to the OEB's Practice Direction on Confidential Filings, Section 5.1.6.

Yours truly,

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Analyst, Electricity Distribution

Encl.

cc: All parties in EB-2025-0252



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OEB Staff Submission on Confidentiality

Alectra Utilities Corporation

2027-2031 Electricity Distribution Rates

EB-2025-0252

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Introduction

Alectra Utilities Corporation (Alectra Utilities) filed a custom incentive rate-setting application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on October 14, 2025 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, seeking approval for changes to the rates that it charges for electricity distribution, beginning January 1, 2027 (Application).

As part of its interrogatory responses, Alectra Utilities filed a letter to the OEB dated February 20, 2026¹ requesting confidential treatment for specific information. Redacted versions of the interrogatory responses were filed on the public record of this proceeding and un-redacted versions of the documents were filed confidentially with the OEB pursuant to the OEB's *Practice Direction on Confidential Filings* (Practice Direction).²

Alectra Utilities' letter provide a table in Schedule "A" that includes references, explanations and rationale for the requested redactions for portions of the following interrogatory responses:

- 2-CCC-12
- 1-DRC-6, Attach. 1_eMobility
- 1-DRC-7, Attach. 1_Alectra Drives
- 1-DRC-8, Attach. 1_V2X
- 1-SEC-1, Attach. 1_Board
- 1-SEC 8
- 1-SEC-10, Attach. 1-11
- 1-SEC-16, Attach. 2 and 3
- 2A-SEC-52, Attach. 1_AMI_Renewal
- 2A-SEC-52(b)
- 4-SEC-90, Attach. 1 and 2
- 2-Staff-124, Attach 1_CCRA Agreements
- 6-Staff-206, Attach. 1_AUC PILs Return
- 4-Staff-176, Table 1
- 1-VECC-7
- 4-VECC-45
- 5-VECC-59

¹ EB-2025-0252, [Letter to OEB](#), February 20, 2026

² Ontario Energy Board, [Practice Direction on Confidential Filings](#), December 17, 2021

OEB Staff Submission

OEB staff submits that it has no concerns with Alectra Utilities' proposed redactions based on certain rationales and explanations provided by Alectra Utilities.

In reviewing the "Explanation and Rationale" associated with the proposed redactions and, OEB staff agrees that at least one of the multiple reasons listed applies to each redaction.

OEB staff made several observations and notes regarding the following redactions, and requests Alectra Utilities to provide additional explanations in its reply submission.

1-SEC-1, Attach. 1 Board

OEB staff agrees with the redactions and Alectra Utilities' explanation and rationale provided in the letter. However, OEB staff is unclear why Alectra Utilities redacted two items in the "Note" section on page 26 (bottom right corner), while the remaining information in this section is not redacted. OEB staff invites Alectra Utilities to provide an explanation in its reply submission.

OEB staff also notes that Alectra Utilities identified redacted information on page 40 in its letter; however, there is no redaction on page 40 of the document. OEB staff believes that this may be an error and requests that Alectra Utilities confirm OEB staff's observation in its reply submission.

6-Staff-206, Attach. 1 AUC PILs Return

OEB staff agrees that the redacted information is not relevant and is confidential based on Alectra Utilities' explanation and rationale provided in the letter. However, OEB staff observes that the name of one Alectra Utilities employee was redacted, while the names of other employees on pages 7-8 and 17 of the document were not. OEB staff invites Alectra Utilities to explain why it only redacted one employee's name.

1-SEC-10, Attach. 1-11

OEB staff agrees with the proposed redactions based on Alectra Utilities' explanations and rationale provided in the letter. OEB staff notes that certain names and signatures of third-party consultants Hatch Ltd. (Hatch) and Guidehouse Canada Inc. (Guidehouse) representatives were redacted in Attachments 5, 6, and 8, while the names of other representatives from these third-party consultants were not.

In its letter, Alectra Utilities stated that Hatch advised the redacted names of its representatives were not part of the consultant project team and did not contribute to the preparation of the studies, and were therefore not relevant to this proceeding. However, OEB staff is unclear whether the names of Guidehouse representatives were redacted for the same reason. OEB staff invites Alectra Utilities to provide additional

explanations to clarify.

OEB staff also notes that in 1-SEC-10, Attach. 8, page 13, a redacted signature of a Guidehouse representative appears in the document but is not identified in the letter submitted by Alectra Utilities. OEB staff invites Alectra Utilities to confirm in its reply submission whether the redaction was inadvertently omitted from the letter.

~All of which is respectfully submitted~