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Re: Elexicon Energy Inc. 2027-2031 Investment Plan - OEB File No. EB-2025-0312

Dear Mr. Murray,

On behalf of the Port Hope and District Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to express our support for Elexicon Energy Inc.'s 2027–2031 Investment Plan and associated rate application before the Ontario Energy Board.

From where we sit, representing the business community on the ground, reliable and scalable electricity infrastructure is not an abstract policy issue. It is a day-to-day business reality. It determines whether a company can expand, whether a new employer chooses Port Hope, and whether growth happens smoothly or gets stalled by constraints that could have been anticipated.

Port Hope is entering a period of meaningful transition. We are seeing steady population growth, increasing housing pressure, and the very real prospect of a new nuclear project in our community. That combination will drive significant residential and commercial expansion. The question is not whether that growth is coming. It is whether our infrastructure is ready to meet it.

Our business members are pragmatic. They understand that growth requires investment, and they expect that the systems underpinning our economy will keep pace. When electrical capacity becomes a bottleneck, it shows up quickly in delayed projects, higher costs, and missed opportunities. When it is done right, it is largely invisible, and that is exactly the point. It allows businesses to operate, hire, and invest with confidence.

Ellexicon's Investment Plan reflects a forward-looking approach that aligns with what we are hearing from the business community. It addresses capacity and reliability in a way that supports housing targets, enables business expansion, and positions Port Hope competitively within the region. Just as importantly, it recognizes the need to balance these investments with affordability, which remains a real concern for both residents and employers.

In my view, delaying these upgrades would not be a neutral decision. It would introduce risk into a period where certainty matters, push costs further down the road, and potentially constrain the very growth our community is working to achieve.

We respect the Ontario Energy Board's role in ensuring that investments are prudent and in the public interest. Through that lens, we believe this plan represents a necessary and well-timed investment in the economic resilience and long-term prosperity of Port Hope.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide input and would be pleased to discuss this further if helpful.

Sincerely,



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