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Ritchie Murray
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Ontario Energy Board
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Dear Ritchie Murray:

**Re: Expert Evidence – Pacific Economics Group Research LLC (PEG)
Alectra Utilities Corporation (Alectra Utilities)
2027-2031 Custom Rate Application for Electricity Rates and Charges
Ontario Energy Board File Number: EB-2025-0252**

When filing PEG's expert report April 9, 2026, OEB staff advised that it would be filing the confidential working papers shortly.

Please find attached copies of PEG's working papers and datasets related to the expert report. PEG has relied on working papers provided by Clearspring Energy Advisors (Clearspring), as well as data sourced by PEG that is not publicly available and has commercial value. Alectra sought confidential treatment for the Clearspring working papers on January 12, 2026.

Pursuant to Rule 10.1 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure and the Practice Direction on Confidential Filings, and on behalf of PEG, OEB staff is requesting confidential treatment for the PEG working papers. Since the working papers include data owned by both Clearspring and PEG, this request is intended to maintain confidentiality of commercially sensitive information owned by both consultants.

PEG has a particular concern with inadvertent disclosure of confidential information through the use of artificial intelligence (AI) tools. In OEB staff's view, the Declaration and Undertaking required under the OEB's Practice Direction on Confidential Filings prohibits uploading confidential information to AI tools where there is a risk of disclosure or retention of the confidential information (e.g., for training the AI model). Staff is therefore not asking individuals who wish to obtain access to the working papers to

provide any assurances beyond the Declaration and Undertaking. However, OEB staff expects them to take all necessary precautions to abide by the Declaration and Undertaking in the event they choose to employ AI.

Any questions relating to this letter should be directed to Andrew Frank at Andrew.Frank@oeb.ca or at 416-440-8105. The OEB's toll-free number is 1-888-632-6273.

Yours truly,

Andrew Frank
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c: All parties to EB-2025-0252 without attachments