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Dear Mr. Murray:

**Re: Alectra Utilities Corporation – 2027-2031 Custom Rate Application for Electricity Rates and Charges (EB-2025-0252) – Expert Evidence**

We are writing regarding the recently-delivered evidence from OEB staff’s expert consultant, Pacific Economics Group Research LLC (“PEG”), and next steps in responding to that evidence.

OEB staff served two extensive reports from PEG last Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>: a report entitled “Statistical Cost Research for the Alectra Utilities CIR Plan” (100 pages); and a second report entitled “Issues in the Design of the New Alectra Utilities CIR Framework” (59 pages). Access to PEG’s working papers underlying the reports was then only provided by PEG just over two days ago (Tuesday afternoon, April 14<sup>th</sup>) to Alectra’s expert consultant, Clearspring Energy Advisors, LLC (“Clearspring”).

The immediate next step in responding to PEG’s evidence is the delivery of interrogatories. In accordance with the procedural order, we are delivering our main interrogatories today regarding the PEG reports. We understand Clearspring continues to review the working papers and reports, and so it is possible there may be a small number of additional interrogatories that we need to deliver on Monday. Given the very limited time Clearspring has had to review the working papers, we would respectfully ask to be permitted to provide any remaining interrogatories on Monday, if need be.

Also, the PEG reports go well beyond merely responding to the Clearspring report filed with the application. The PEG reports present new research/analyses and points, including new cost benchmarking research and new productivity trend research, and raise new issues regarding the CIR framework. This new research/analysis, and the new points and issues raised have been disclosed for the first time in the PEG reports. We therefore expect there will be a need to deliver a focused reply report from Clearspring to respond to this. We are consulting with Clearspring on this, and our external counsel will follow-up early next week with a letter requesting leave to deliver a reply report pursuant to Rule 13 of the OEB’s *Rules of Practice and Procedure*, which will further address the need for reply and proposed timing for delivery of a proposed reply report.

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Lastly, in respect of the PEG reports, we note that Alectra reserves its right to take issue with and challenge the propriety of certain portions of them (including portions of the rate framework report) and to make submissions on this issue at the appropriate time.

If you require further information at this point regarding any of the above, please let me know. As stated, our counsel will follow-up early next week with a further letter regarding reply evidence.

Yours truly,

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