

Attachment AUC-1_Services and Deliverables

The Vendor will support OEB staff in its review of Alectra Utilities Corporation's (Alectra Utilities) 2027-2031 custom incentive rate (IR) application (EB-2025-0252).

As required, the Vendor will:

- a) Provide associated technical advisory services by reviewing and analyzing Alectra Utilities' total cost benchmarking research, and the proposed custom IR framework. The Vendor will identify strengths and weaknesses in the filed evidence, evaluating the impact of the proposed formula on rates and achievement of the desired outcomes as per the OEB's expectations expressed in prior decisions, the OEB's Handbook for Utility Rate Applications, the Renewed Regulatory Framework for Electricity (RRF), and other applicable sources, and generally accepted rate-making practices. This includes reviewing and providing an opinion on the above areas of the filed evidence in the context of other custom IR applications.
- b) Assist OEB staff with the preparation of interrogatories to fully assess the above evidence, and review responses to interrogatories.
- c) Participate in any technical conference(s) or assist OEB staff in preparing for any technical conference(s), follow-up on any details following the Vendor's review of the interrogatory responses.
- d) If required, draft a report critiquing the evidence, and/or prepare an alternative study to rebut or augment the evidence filed (Expert Report). The Expert Report, if required, will be filed on the record of the proceeding.
- e) If an Expert Report is filed, respond to interrogatories filed with respect to the Expert Report.
- f) If required, assist OEB staff in preparing cross-examination for the oral hearing.
- g) If an Expert Report is filed, the Vendor may be required to testify at the oral hearing to explain the analysis and findings in the Expert Report.
- h) Assist OEB staff in preparing a final submission.

As part of services provided under the Deliverables set out above, the Vendor is expected to assist OEB staff in preparing a letter of its plan to file expert evidence in this proceeding. In addition, it is expected the Vendor will provide briefing notes, if requested, to assist OEB staff's strategic decisions on the positions that OEB staff may take in the proceeding.