



**Alectra Utilities Corporation**

**Application for electricity distribution rates and other  
charges beginning January 1, 2027**

**DECISION AND ORDER ON CONFIDENTIALITY  
May 6, 2026**

Alectra Utilities Corporation filed an 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 Alectra Utilities charges for electricity distribution, beginning January 1, 2027, and for each following year through December 31, 2031.

The application will be heard by commissioners: Patrick Moran (presiding), Shahrzad Rahbar, and David Sword. The OEB notes that Patrick Moran did not participate in the decision-making process for this Decision and Order on Confidentiality.

In Procedural Order No. 1, issued December 12, 2025, the OEB set out a schedule of procedural steps including: (i) Alectra Utilities' responses to interrogatories; (ii) Alectra Utilities' responses to undertakings from a technical conference; and (iii) OEB staff's responses to interrogatories on expert evidence.

In response to OEB staff's request on January 5, 2026, Alectra Utilities filed a letter on January 12, 2026,<sup>1</sup> informing the OEB that it had agreed to file working papers containing dataset and models underlying the Econometric Benchmarking Report prepared by its consultant, Clearspring Energy Advisors (Clearspring). In the letter, Alectra Utilities also requested confidential treatment for the working papers, pursuant to Rule 10.01 of the OEB's Rules of Practice and Procedure and the OEB's Practice Direction on Confidential Filings (Practice Direction).<sup>2</sup>

By a letter dated February 20, 2026, Alectra Utilities filed its responses to interrogatories and also requested confidential treatment for portions of its responses pursuant to the Practice Direction.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> EB-2025-0252, [Letter to the OEB](#), January 12, 2026

<sup>2</sup> OEB, [Practice Direction on Confidential Filings](#), December 17, 2021

<sup>3</sup> EB-2025-0252, [Letter to the OEB](#), February 20, 2026

As part of its undertaking responses from the technical conference, Alectra Utilities filed two letters with the OEB, dated March 27, 2026<sup>4</sup> and April 10, 2026<sup>5</sup>, requesting confidential treatment for certain sections of the responses pursuant to the OEB's Practice Direction.

On April 13, 2026, OEB staff filed expert evidence, prepared by its consultant Pacific Economics Group Research LLC (PEG) which includes two reports titled "Statistical Cost Research for the Alectra Utilities CIR Plan" and "Issues in the Design of the New Alectra Utilities CIR Framework", as well as PEG's working papers. As part of the filing, OEB staff requested confidential treatment for PEG's working papers pursuant to Rule 10.01 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure and the Practice Direction.<sup>6</sup>

On April 24, 2026, OEB staff filed responses to interrogatories, prepared by its consultant PEG and requested confidential treatment for a number of attachments which contain confidential information from PEG's working papers, pursuant to Rule 10.01 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure and the Practice Direction.<sup>7</sup>

## 1. Alectra Utilities Interrogatory Responses

In its letter dated February 20, 2026, Alectra Utilities requested to redact the following information from the public record:

### February 20, 2026, Letter

1. Information relates to affiliates and non-rate regulated business activities
  - 1-SEC-1, Attach. 1\_Board, pages 4-8, 10-11, 25-26, 35, 37-38, 40-41, 43-44, 46
  - 1-SEC-8
  - 6-Staff-206, AUC PILs Return, page 101
2. Non-public, forward-looking financial information giving rise to liability under securities laws
  - 1-SEC-1, Attach 1\_Board, pages 4, 6, 10-12, 35-36, 38, 43, 46
  - 5-VECC-59, page 1
3. Third-party consultant and vendor pricing and unit pricing information
  - 1-SEC-10, Attach. 1\_Innovative, pages 2, 5
  - 1-SEC-10, Attach. 2\_Clearspring, page 2
  - 1-SEC-10, Attach. 3\_AMCL, page 3

<sup>4</sup> EB-2025-0252, [Letter to the OEB](#), March 27, 2026

<sup>5</sup> EB-2025-0252, [Letter to the OEB](#), April 10, 2026

<sup>6</sup> EB-2025-0252, [OEB Staff Letter](#), April 13, 2026

<sup>7</sup> EB-2025-0252, [OEB Staff Letter](#), April 24, 2026

- 1-SEC-10, Attach. 4\_Kinectrics, page 3
  - 1-SEC-10, Attach. 5\_Hatch Climate, pages 2-3
  - 1-SEC-10, Attach. 6\_Hatch\_LF, pages 3-5
  - 1-SEC-10, Attach. 7\_Alliance, page 3
  - 1-SEC-10, Attach. 8\_Guidehouse, page 3
  - 1-SEC-10, Attach. 9\_Atrium, page 3
  - 1-SEC-10, Attach. 10\_Gartner, pages 2-3
  - 1-SEC-10, Attach. 11\_Mercer, page 2
  - 1-SEC-16, Attach. 2\_IT Business Case-Alectra Merger, page 12
  - 1-SEC-16, Attach. 3\_IT Business Case-Alectra Merger (Appendix A), pages 2, 5, 8, 12-18, 20-22
  - 1-VECC-7, pages 1-4
  - 4-VECC-45, page 2
  - 2-CCC-12, pages 6, 7
  - 2A-SEC-52, Attach. 1\_AMI\_Renewal
4. Information about an ongoing procurement, the disclosure of which could interfere with negotiations
- 2A-SEC-52(b), page 2
5. Sensitive cybersecurity information
- 1-SEC-16, Attach. 2\_IT Business Case-Alectra Merger, pages 5, 7
  - 1-SEC-16, Attach. 3\_IT Business Case-Alectra Merger (Appendix A), pages 10-11, 13
6. Commercially sensitive consultant methodology
- 4-SEC-90, Attach. 1\_2025 Alectra CEO Compensation Review, pages 5-6, 15
  - 4-SEC-90, Attach. 2\_2025 Alectra EVP Compensation Review, pages 5-6, 16, 20-22
  - 4-Staff-176, Table 1
7. Commercially sensitive information that can prejudice Alectra Utilities' competitive position in the labour market
- 4-SEC-90, Attach. 1\_2025 Alectra CEO Compensation Review, pages 14-15, 19
  - 4-SEC-90, Attach. 2\_2025 Alectra EVP Compensation Review, pages 14-19, 29
8. Compensation information that is personal information
- 4-SEC-90, Attach. 2\_2025 Alectra EVP Compensation Review, pages 20-22
  - 4-Staff-176, Table 1
9. Non-relevant registered business numbers and HST numbers

- 2-Staff-124 Attach 1\_CCRA Agreements, Pages 44, 52, 81, 179, 190
  - 6-Staff-206, Attach 1\_AUC PILs Return
10. Non-relevant names and email addresses of Alectra Utilities employees and vendors
- 1-SEC-10, Attach. 5\_Hatch Climate, pages 2, 7, 11
  - 1-SEC-10, Attach. 6\_Hatch\_LF, pages 1, 3, 8, 13
  - 1-SEC-10, Attach. 8\_Guidehouse, page 9
  - 1-DRC-6, Attach. 1\_eMobility, pages 1, 12-18
  - 1-DRC-7, Attach. 1\_Alectra Drives, pages 1, 15-16
  - 1-DRC-8, Attach. 1\_V2X, pages 6-8
  - 6-Staff-206, Attach 1\_AUC PILs Return

OEB staff filed a submission on March 2, 2026.<sup>8</sup> No other submissions were filed with the OEB.

In its submission, OEB staff agreed with the proposed redactions based on the explanations and rationale provided by Alectra Utilities in its February 20, 2026 letter. OEB staff also noted several observations regarding some of the redactions and requested that Alectra Utilities provide additional information and clarifications in its reply submission.

On March 9, 2026, Alectra Utilities filed its reply submission.<sup>9</sup> Alectra Utilities provided an explanation in response to the observations noted by OEB staff and confirmed the redaction errors identified by OEB Staff in 1-SEC-1, Attach.1, page 40 and 1-SEC-10, Attach. 8, page 13. In addition, Alectra Utilities stated that it will remove the redactions in the “Note” section of 1-SEC-1, Attach.1, page 26.

## Findings

The OEB approves Alectra Utilities’ confidentiality request to redact the information listed above based on the rationale provided in the OEB’s staff submission and Alectra Utilities’ reply submission, except for the items listed below:

- 4-SEC-90, Attachment 1, page 5 – Job Evaluation Methodology
- 4-SEC-90, Attachment 1, page 6 – Three core aspects
- 4-SEC-90, Attachment 2, page 5 – Job Evaluation Methodology
- 4-SEC-90, Attachment 2, page 6 – Three core aspects
- 4-SEC-90, Attachment 2, pages 14 and 15 – Titles in each table, and

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<sup>8</sup> EB-2025-0252, [OEB Staff Submission](#), March 2, 2026

<sup>9</sup> EB-2025-0252, [Alectra Utilities Reply Submission](#), March 9, 2026

- 1- SEC-1, Attachment 1, page 26 – The “Note” section

The OEB finds that since Korn Ferry’s Job Evaluation Methodology is publicly available<sup>10</sup>, it needs not be treated as confidential in 4-SEC-90 Attachments 1 and 2, and the general titles of the tables do not include confidential information.

The OEB requests that Alectra Utilities remove the redactions outlined above and refile the documents with the OEB.

In addition, the OEB approves the redacted signature of a Guidehouse representative in 1-SEC-10, Attach. 8, page 13, which should have been included as part of Alectra Utilities’ confidentiality request in its February 20, 2026 letter, as confirmed by Alectra Utilities in its reply submission.

## 2. Alectra Utilities Undertaking Responses

By the letters dated March 27, 2026 and April 10, 2026, Alectra Utilities requested to redact the following information from the public record:

### March 27, 2026, Letter

1. Commercially sensitive and proprietary consultant methodology and data
  - JT-1.8, Attach. 1
  - JT-1.7, pages 2, 4
  - JT-2.10, page 3
  - JT-2.13, pages 2-6, 9-11
  - JT-2.16, pages 4-6
  - JT-3.8, Attach. 1 (Deloitte SAM Report), page 154
  - JT-3.24, Attach. 1 (Deloitte HAM Report), page 231
  - JT-3.24, Attach. 2 (Mercer Executive Pension Study), page 18
2. Confidential third-party unit pricing and billing information
  - JT-3.1.1, Attach. 1\_PCRs, pages 1-3, 6-7, 9
  - JT-3.24, Attach. 1 (DERMS Needs Assessment), page 44
3. Customer load and billing information
  - JT-1.17, pages 3-7
  - JT-1.20, pages 2

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<https://www.slideshare.net/slideshow/jobevaluationpdf/257506351>

- JT-2.11, pages 1-2
- 4. Cyber security information
  - JT-3.24, Attach. 1 (DERMS Needs Assessment), pages 23-24, 26
- 5. Names and positions of third-party workshop attendees
  - JT-3.24, Attach. 1 (EY DSO Final Report), pages 84, 86
- 6. Commercially sensitive and personal information that can prejudice Alectra Utilities' competitive position in the labour market
  - JT-3.24, Attach. 2 (Mercer Executive Pension Study), pages 7, 10
- 7. Personal compensation information
  - JT-3.1.1, Attach. 1, pages 3, 6
- 8. Information related to affiliates and non-regulated business activities
  - JT-1.1.13, Attach. 1\_AUC PILs\_12312019 T2, page 179
- 9. Non-relevant tax information
  - JT-1.1.13, Attach. 1\_AUC PILs\_12312019 T2, pages 1-145, 153-206
- 10. Non-relevant signatures of Alectra employees
  - JT-1.1.13, Attach 1\_AUC PILs 12312019 T2, pages 7, 45, 148-152
  - JT-3.1.1, Attach. 1\_PCRs, page 8
  - JT-3.8, Attach. 1 (Fleet Services Review), page 41
  - JT-3.8, Attach. 1 (Contract Centre Productivity and Efficiency), page 51
  - JT-3.8, Attach. 1 (Sustained Synergies Review), page 84
  - JT-3.8, Attach. 1 (Capital vs. Operating Cost Review), page 112
  - JT-3.8, Attach. 1 (GRE&T Centre Executive Summary), page 119
  - JT-3.8, Attach. 1 (Synergy Savings and Transitional Costs), page 128
- 11. Non-relevant utility logos
  - JT-3.24, Attach. 1 (EY DSO Final Report), pages 52, 54, 76, 84, 86, 88

#### April 10, 2026, Letter

1. Information that PwC has advised Alectra Utilities is confidential due to PwC's contractual agreements with other participants
  - JT-3.24, Attachment 1 (Cybersecurity Budget & Headcount Benchmarking Report), pages 2, 4, 8-9
2. Non-relevant confidentiality disclaimers redacted at PwC's request
  - JT-3.24, Attachment 1 (Cybersecurity Budget & Headcount Benchmarking Report), all pages

OEB staff filed a submission on April 6, 2026 with regards to Alectra Utilities' confidentiality request from the letter dated March 27, 2026.<sup>11</sup> No other submissions were filed with the OEB.

In its submission, OEB staff agreed with Alectra Utilities' proposed redactions based on the explanations and rationale provided in the March 27, 2026 letter except for certain redactions in JT-1.17 pages 4-7 related to customer connection/load for residential and GS>50 rate class. OEB staff stated that the proposed redactions appear to be an aggregate assumption of customer connections and do not reveal specific customer information.

OEB staff also noted several discrepancies in the page numbers of certain attachments in JT-3.8, Attach. 1 and JT-3.24, Attach. 1 between the page numbers that Alectra Utilities indicated in its letter dated March 27, 2026 and the page numbers in the attachments themselves. OEB staff summarized the discrepancies based on its view of the pages to which the references correspond and invited Alectra Utilities to confirm OEB staff's understanding.

In addition, OEB staff submitted that redacted information in JT-1.1.13, Attach. 1, pages 128-129 contains personal information and should be permanently redacted.

On April 10, 2026, Alectra Utilities filed its reply submission.<sup>12</sup> Alectra Utilities agreed with OEB staff's submission and stated that the redactions in JT-1.17 noted by OEB staff may be removed.

Alectra Utilities also clarified the page numbers referenced in its letter dated March 27, 2026 and confirmed that the page numbers identified by OEB staff for certain reports in JT-3.8, Attach. 1 and JT-3.24, Attach. 1 are correct. In addition, Alectra Utilities stated that page 57 of JT-3.24, Attach.1 (EY DSO Final Report) should have been removed from "Schedule A" of its letter dated March 27, 2026.

## Findings

The OEB approves Alectra Utilities' request for confidential treatment to redact the information listed above, with the exception of the redactions in JT-1.17, pages 4-7 related to customer connection/load for residential and GS>50 rate class.

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<sup>11</sup> EB-2025-0252, [OEB Staff Submission](#), April 6, 2026

<sup>12</sup> EB-2025-0252, [Alectra Utilities Reply Submission](#), April 10, 2026

The OEB has considered the Practice Direction and the rationale provided by Alectra Utilities in the letters dated March 27, 2026 and April 10, 2026, as well as its reply submission, together with OEB staff's submission. The OEB agrees with OEB staff that the redactions in JT-1.17, pages 4-7, related to customer connection/load for residential and GS>50 rate class, do not reveal specific customer information and were agreed upon by Alectra Utilities to be removed in its reply submission. This information shall be unredacted and re-filed by Alectra Utilities with the OEB.

In addition, the OEB agrees with Alectra's reply submission that its request for the redaction on page 57 of JT-3.24, Attach.1 (EY DSO Final Report) should have been removed from "Schedule A" of its letter dated March 27, 2026.

### **3. Clearspring Working Papers**

By letter dated January 12, 2026, Alectra Utilities agreed to provide the dataset and models underlying Clearspring's Econometric Benchmarking report in response to OEB staff's request on January 5, 2026, and requested confidential treatment for the working papers on behalf of Clearspring.

Alectra Utilities stated that these documents contain proprietary, technical, and commercially sensitive dataset and models, which would result in financial and competitive harm to Clearspring if disclosed publicly. Alectra Utilities further noted that similar documents were held confidential in previous proceedings.<sup>13</sup>

No other submissions were filed with the OEB.

### **Findings**

The OEB approves Alectra Utilities' request for confidential treatment of Clearspring's working papers on the basis that they contain third-party proprietary data or models.

The OEB finds that a consultant's underlying datasets and models are presumptively confidential under Appendix B of the Practice Direction. The OEB notes that it has granted similar confidentiality requests in previous proceedings, including EB-2018-0165, EB-2021-0110 and EB-2023-0195.

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<sup>13</sup> EB-2018-0165, EB-2021-0110 and EB-2023-0195

## 4. PEG Working Papers

In its letter dated April 13, 2026, OEB staff filed expert evidence, prepared by PEG expert report and requested confidential treatment for PEG's working papers on behalf of PEG. The letter states that the working papers contain commercially sensitive information owned by PEG and Clearspring and notes PEG's concern regarding the use of artificial intelligence (AI) tools in the disclosure of confidential information. The letter also states that the Declaration and Undertaking required under the OEB's Practice Direction prohibits the uploading of confidential information to AI tools.

No submissions were filed with the OEB.

### Findings

The OEB approves OEB staff's request for confidential treatment of PEG's working papers on the basis that they contain third-party proprietary data or models. The OEB finds that a consultant's underlying datasets and models are presumptively confidential under Appendix B of the Practice Direction. In addition, the OEB notes that OEB staff's confidentiality request is similar to Alectra Utilities' request in section 3 above relating to Clearspring's working papers, which the OEB approved in this decision, and that it has granted similar confidentiality requests in previous proceedings, including EB-2018-0165, EB-2021-0110 and EB-2023-0195.

The OEB agrees with OEB's staff view in its April 13, 2026 letter which states that "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)." The OEB expects individuals who wish to obtain access to the working papers to take all necessary precautions to abide by the Declaration and Undertaking in the event that they choose to employ AI.

## 5. PEG Interrogatory Responses

In its letter dated April 24, 2026, OEB staff filed responses to interrogatories, prepared by PEG, and requested confidential treatment for the following attachments which contain confidential information from PEG's working papers:

- Attachment AUC-20\_Supplemental Response-Confidential
- Attachment AUC-32a\_Service Territory Map-Confidential
- Attachment AUC-32b\_Service Territory Landcover Map-Confidential
- Attachment SEC-10\_Signal49 AWE Ontario Forecast-Confidential

The letter states that since the working papers include information owned by both Clearspring and PEG, the request is intended to maintain confidentiality of commercially sensitive information owned by both consultants.

No submissions were filed with the OEB.

## Findings

The OEB approves OEB staff's request for confidential treatment of the above documents. The OEB notes that these documents contain information relating to both Clearspring's and PEG's working papers in section 3 and section 4 above, which the OEB approved for confidential treatment in this decision.

The OEB finds that these documents contain information that is presumptively confidential under Appendix B of the Practice Direction.

## THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Alectra Utilities shall, in accordance with the findings above, file revised evidence by **May 15, 2026**.

Parties are responsible for ensuring that any documents they file with the OEB, such as applicant and intervenor evidence, interrogatories and responses to interrogatories or any other type of document, **do not include personal information** (as that phrase is defined in the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*), unless filed in accordance with rule 9A of the OEB's [Rules of Practice and Procedure](#).

Please quote file number, **EB-2025-0252** for all materials filed and submit them in searchable/unrestricted PDF format with a digital signature through the [OEB's online filing portal](#).

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All communications should be directed to the attention of the Registrar and be received by end of business, 4:45 p.m., on the required date.

With respect to distribution lists for all electronic correspondence and materials related to this proceeding, parties must include the Case Manager, Narisa Jotiban at [Narisa.Jotiban@oeb.ca](mailto:Narisa.Jotiban@oeb.ca) and OEB Counsel, Raman Dhillon at [Raman.Dhillon@oeb.ca](mailto:Raman.Dhillon@oeb.ca).

**DATED** at Toronto, May 6, 2026

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

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