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December 17, 2020

Ms. Christine E. Long
Registrar
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Long:

Re: Renfrew Hydro Inc. ("Renfrew Hydro") 2022 Cost of Service Application and Distribution System Plan Deferral Request.

Renfrew Hydro is seeking a one-year deferral of its 2022 Cost of Service ("CoS") Application including a deferral of the filing of our Distribution System Plan ("DSP"). Renfrew Hydro's most recent CoS application was for rates effective January 1, 2017 and we are currently scheduled to file our next CoS application in April 2021 for rates effective January 1, 2022. We are seeking approval to defer our filing of our CoS application and Distribution System Plan until April 2022 for rates effective January 2023. In addition, we are requesting that our 2022 distribution rates be set using the Price Cap IR method.

Please note that Renfrew Hydro is not intending to file an Incremental Capital Module ("ICM") application in the foreseeable future, and as such, will manage accordingly until our next CoS application.

Renfrew Hydro believes that deferring our rebasing of distribution rates by one year is the most prudent action to take given the present environment in which we are operating, and as such, respectfully requests this deferral for the following reasons:

- It remains very difficult to effectively consult with our customers during a pandemic, and as such, we are seeking this extension to provide us with more adequate time to safely and meaningfully seek our customers' input on both our Distribution System Plan and our rate rebasing.
- The ongoing Covid-19 pandemic has resulted in a lot of uncertainty around future electricity consumption and demand. The overall impact that recent business closures will have on our future loading is hard to predict and yet to be determined.
- Renfrew Hydro remains confident that we can effectively manage our resources and financial needs within the current revenue envelope under the 4th Generation Price Cap Adjustment Mechanism ("IRM") and expects our Return on Equity ("ROE") to remain within the 300 basis points threshold of our approved rate of return.

- Renfrew Hydro has performed well on all key performance standards and measures as depicted in our electricity utility scorecard, and are expecting to continue to do so.

Renfrew Hydro respectfully asks the OEB to consider and approve our aforementioned request. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly with any of your questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lance Jefferies". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

D. Lance Jefferies, MBA, C.Tech
President
Renfrew Hydro Inc.