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VIA RESS and EMAIL

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Ms. Christine E. Long  
Registrar  
Ontario Energy Board  
2300 Yonge Street, 27<sup>th</sup> floor, P.O. Box 2319  
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**Re: 2022 Cost of Service Deferral Request**

Dear Ms. Long;

On December 16, 2020, the Ontario Energy Board ("OEB"), issued a letter identifying those electricity distributors that are scheduled to file a Cost of Service Application ("COS") for 2022 rates. Wasaga Distribution Inc.'s (WDI's) rates were last rebased for rate effective May 01, 2016 (EB-2015-0107). WDI is currently included on the OEB's 2022 rebasing list for rates effective May 01, 2022.

In its letter, the OEB advised that any distributor that had been included on the 2022 rebasing list but wishes to defer rebasing beyond the 2022 rate year must advise the OEB by January 29, 2020.

WDI 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 seek our customers' input safely and meaningfully on both our Distribution System Plan and our rate rebasing.
- WDI 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").
- WDI has performed well on all key performance standards and measures as depicted in our electricity utility scorecard.
- WDI is requesting additional time to ensure we can prepare a quality application as we undergo a significant transition of our leadership team.

WDI hereby requests approval to defer our COS by one year to have rates effective May 01, 2023. WDI will apply for 2022 rates using the 4<sup>th</sup> Generation IRM process and is not anticipating

any mechanistic adjustments such as an Incremental Capital Module, Z-factor, or new deferral account request beyond the requirement for disposing of Group I Accounts if the threshold test is met.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brandon Weiss', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Manager of Finance and Regulatory

Cc: David Stavinga, CEO