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Nancy Marconi

Registrar

Ontario Energy Board

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Toronto, Ontario M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Marconi:

Re: EB-2022-0024 – Elexicon Energy Inc. – 2023 Distribution Rate Application

I am writing on behalf of Environmental Defence to provide submissions on the type of hearing for this matter. Environmental Defence requests that this be heard in writing, primarily because this would allow for a decision to be made and released sooner. As there has already been a technical conference in this matter, we are not aware of there being other evidentiary issues that require a hearing to resolve.

We also would not want distributors to perceive applications that involve innovation, such as this application, to be overly burdensome. An oral hearing can be expensive and disruptive for a distributor of Elexicon's size. Distributors should be encouraged to propose innovative solutions and bring those to the OEB, whether or not they are ultimately approved by the OEB. An expeditious process is ideal regardless of the outcome. ICM applications are typically heard in writing. As such, requiring an oral hearing for this specific ICM application could put a chill on innovation.

Yours truly,



Kent Elson

CC: Parties in the above proceeding