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Ms. Nancy Marconi Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Marconi:

Re: Essex Powerlines Corporation ("EPLC")
Deferral Account Application (EB-2024-0022 / EB-2024-0096)

We represent EPLC in the above noted matter and write in response to the Ontario Energy Board's ("**OEB**") Procedural Order No. 1 issued on June 12, 2024. The OEB accelerated the procedural schedule for EPLC's request for a new deferral account and sub-accounts under sections 7.4 and 7.5 of the Issues List ("**New DVA**") issued on June 27, 2024. A Settlement Conference was held on July 4, 2024 and the Parties reached a tentative, time-limited and partial settlement proposal on the New DVA ("**Settlement Proposal**").

Since the Settlement Proposal is time-limited, the Parties are jointly proposing an accelerated procedural schedule below that contemplates a decision by the OEB on the New DVA by August 30, 2024. The Parties are in the process of drafting the Settlement Proposal and are aiming to file the same by July 12, 2024, but cannot yet provide the OEB with a confirmed date. The Parties propose using the filing date of the Settlement Proposal as the trigger date for a series of cascading steps in the OEB's determination on the New DVA and Settlement Proposal as follows:

- 1. Filing of the Settlement Proposal.
- 2. EPLC shall file their argument-in-chief on the New DVA and send it to all parties 24 hours after step 1.
- 3. Any written submissions by OEB Staff and intervenors shall be filed with the OEB and served on all parties no later than 9 days after step 2. OEB Staff shall also file a submission on the Settlement Proposal on the same date.
- 4. Any reply submissions by EPLC shall be filed with the OEB and served on all parties no later than 7 days after step 3.



If any of the above dates fall on a weekend or holiday, the time for completing the step shall be automatically extended to the next business day of the OEB.

Yours truly,

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