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Dear Colm Boyle:

**Re: Essex Powerlines Corporation (Essex Powerlines)
Applications for Approval of Rates (Cost of Service) and
New Deferral Accounts
Ontario Energy Board (OEB) File Numbers: EB-2024-0022 & EB-2024-0096**

The OEB is in receipt of your September 6, 2024 letter requesting a further extension to the filing deadline for the settlement proposal from September 6, 2024 to on or before September 20, 2024. The OEB approves the deadline extension.

Procedural Order No. 1 established August 26, 2024 as the deadline to file a settlement proposal. On August 28, 2024 the OEB approved an extension for Essex Powerlines to file a settlement proposal on or before September 6, 2024. The two extensions, totalling 25 days, exceed the two-week threshold set out in the OEB's *Protocol for Adjusting Adjudicative Timelines* (Protocol), and the timeline for the proceeding will be adjusted based on the Protocol.

The Protocol accounts for delays that are two weeks or longer and are driven by applicant requests. Requests for additional time to file a settlement proposal are among the prescribed events contemplated in the Protocol. This proceeding will be placed in abeyance for the duration of the delay and the performance standard will be extended by the total number of calendar days associated with the request, including the planned decision issuance date.

At this time, the September 16, 2024 deadline for OEB staff to file a submission on the settlement proposal has been cancelled. The OEB will resume processing the application upon receipt of the settlement proposal and will communicate a new date for OEB staff to file a submission on the settlement proposal.

Please direct any questions relating to this application to Amber Goher, case manager at Amber.Goher@oeb.ca.

Yours truly,

Nancy Marconi
Registrar

c: All Parties in EB-2024-0022 and EB-2024-0096