

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15 (Sched B) (the "Act")

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Essex Powerlines Corporation for an Order or Orders made pursuant to section 78 of the Act, approving or fixing just and reasonable rates and other charges for the distribution of electricity, effective January 1, 2025.

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

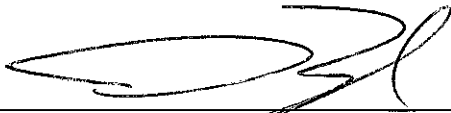
I, **Grace Flood**, of the Town of Essex, in the Province of Ontario, **MAKE OATH AND SAY:**

1. I am an employee of Essex Powerlines Corporation ("EPLC"). In my role as Director of Finance and Regulatory Affairs with EPLC, I have been responsible for the development of EPLC's applications to the Ontario Energy Board (the "OEB") and in that capacity have overseen the service of the Notice of Hearing issued by the OEB on May 24, 2024 in proceedings EB-2024-0022 and EB-2024-0096 (the "Notice") and, as such, have personal knowledge of the matters herein deposed.
2. Further to section 1 of the OEB's Letter of Direction dated May 24, 2024 (the "Letter") (a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**), I arranged for and confirm that as of May 29, 2024, EPLC has posted the Notice, as well as the application and the evidence, on EPLC's website at the following link: <http://essexpowerlines.ca/about/regulatory-affairs/irm-applications-rate-orders/>. A screenshot of EPLC's website showing where this material has been posted is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.
3. Further to section 2 of the Letter, I confirm that on May 29, 2024, I served a copy of the Notice, along with a direct link to the application and the evidence on the OEB's website, by electronic mail directly on all intervenors of record in EPLC's previous cost of service rate proceeding (EB-2017-0039). A copy of the correspondence is attached hereto as **Exhibit C**.
4. Further to section 3 of the Letter, I confirm that on May 30, 2024, I served a copy of the Notice, along with a direct link to the application and the evidence on the OEB's website, by electronic mail directly to Embedded Distributors of EPLC. A copy of the correspondence is attached hereto as **Exhibit D**.
5. Further to section 4 of the Letter, I confirm that on May 29, 2024, I served a copy of the Notice, along with a live link to the Notice posted on EPLC's website, by electronic mail directly on all customers for which EPLC has an email address and

appropriate permissions to use it. A copy of the correspondence is attached hereto as **Exhibit E**.

6. Further to section 5 of the Letter, a tweet was posted on EPLC's X (formerly Twitter), LinkedIn and Facebook accounts on May 29, 2024, quoting the language provided in the Letter. A copy of the posting is attached as **Exhibit F**.

Affirmed by Grace Flood stated as being located in the Town of Essex, Ontario, before me in the Town of Oldcastle, Ontario on the 30th day of May, 2024 in accordance with O. Reg 431/20: *Administering Oath or Declaration Remotely.*



Joe Barile (LSO #) 464610
A Commissioner for taking Affidavits



Grace Flood

Exhibit A

THE ATTACHED IS EXHIBIT "A" REFERRED TO
IN THE AFFIDAVIT OF GRACE FLOOD
AFFIRMED BEFORE ME THIS 30TH DAY
OF MAY, 2024



JOE BANIE
LSO# 464610



BY E-MAIL

May 24, 2024

Grace Flood
Director of Finance and Regulatory Affairs
Essex Powerlines Corporation
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LETTER OF DIRECTION

Dear Ms. Flood:

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

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) has now issued its Notice of Hearing for Essex Powerline's combined applications for cost of service and a new deferral account (Notice). The Notice will be published by the OEB in accordance with directions to the OEB's media agent which were copied to you. The OEB will be posting a Bigbox ad on its X channel (formerly Twitter). Please note that you must comply with the directions in paragraphs 1 to 5 below prior to **May 30, 2024**, which is the publication date of the newspaper in which the Notice will appear last. If you are unable to comply with the directions within this timeframe, you must inform the Registrar immediately at registrar@oeb.ca.

You are directed:

1. To post the enclosed Notice(s), the application and evidence, and any amendments thereto, on Essex Powerlines' website.
2. To serve a copy of the English and French versions of the Notice, the application and the evidence, directly on all intervenors of record in Essex Powerlines previous cost of service proceeding, EB-2017-0039.
3. If Essex Powerlines is a Host Distributor, to serve a copy of the enclosed Notice directly on its Embedded Distributor(s).
4. To arrange for service of the enclosed Notice(s) on customers for whom Essex Powerlines has an email address and the appropriate permissions to use the email address to send utility or regulatory information, together with the following email message:

- a) "Essex Powerlines has applied to the Ontario Energy Board to change our electricity distribution rates and to ask for a new deferral account. Please review the Ontario Energy Board's Notice of Hearing to learn more and to find out how you can participate in the Ontario Energy Board's hearing."

The email must include the words "Notice of Hearing" within the email subject line and provide a link to the Notice as posted on Essex Powerlines's website in accordance with paragraph 1.

5. To post the following message if Essex Powerlines has an X (formerly Twitter), LinkedIn, Facebook, and/or Instagram account:
 - a) "We have applied to the Ontario Energy Board to change our natural gas electricity distribution rate and to ask for a new deferral account. Learn more. Have your say."
 - b) Nous avons présenté une demande à la Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario afin de modifier notre tarif de distribution de gaz naturel et d'électricité et de demander un nouveau compte de report. Renseignez-vous. Donnez votre avis.

The post is required to include the Bigbox ad and to provide a link to the Notice(s) as posted on Essex Powerlines's website in accordance with paragraph 1. Please tag @OntEnergyBoard on X (formerly Twitter) on this social media platform. The OEB does not have a Facebook or Instagram account.

6. To provide a copy of the Notice(s), the application and evidence, and any amendments thereto, to anyone requesting the material.
7. To file with the OEB an affidavit confirming that the steps set out in paragraphs 1 through 5 have been completed.

You are further directed not to include any documents or materials when serving or publishing the Notice other than documents or materials expressly required by this letter of direction.

Yours truly,

Nancy Marconi
Registrar

Enc.:

- Notices
- Bigbox ad
- Media estimate

cc: John Vellone, Borden Ladner Gervais LLP

Exhibit B

Website post:

<https://essexpowerlines.ca/about/regulatory-affairs/irm-applications-rate-orders/>

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IRM Applications & Rate Orders

IRM Application

Essex Powerlines Corporation (EPLC) 2024 rate order: [Click here to view.](#)

For previous rate orders, you may visit the Ontario Energy Board website.


Cost of Service

Essex Powerlines has completed its combined application to the Ontario Energy Board for an increase of its distribution rates effective January 1, 2025 (EB-2024-0022) and a new deferral account (EB-2024-0096)

Please click the link to view the Letter of Notice.

If you wish to view the full application, including models and evidence, please visit the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) website.

THIS IS EXHIBIT "B" REFERRED TO IN THE AFFIDAVIT
OF GRACE FLOOD AFFIRMED BEFORE ME
THIS 30TH DAY OF MAY, 2024



JOE BARILE
LSO # 464610

Exhibit C

Service on intervenors of record on proceeding EB-2017-0039:

FW: Notice of Hearing in Essex Powerlines Corporation 2025 Cost of Service Rate Application Proceeding



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Notice of Hearing - Business Cost DWA, 5/30/2024, 20240324.pdf

Good morning,

Pursuant to the Letter of Direction from the OEB dated May 24, 2024, Essex Powerlines Corporation (Essex Powerlines) is serving the enclosed Notice of Hearing, and the application and evidence, directly on all intervenors in Essex Powerlines' previous Cost of Service Application EB-2017-0039, namely:

- Hydro One Networks Inc.
- School Energy Coalition
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition

Attached is the Notice of Hearing for the proceeding in Essex Powerlines' combined applications for 2025 Cost of Service Rate Application and a new deferral account, EB-2024-0022 and EB-2024-0096, respectively.

Essex Powerlines' application and evidence for its 2025 Cost of Service Rate Application can be found at the following link: <https://www.oeb.ca/14442011/working/14442011-14442011-2024-0022-0096-Program-2024-Application-400-0000>

Regards,



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AFFIDAVIT OF GRACE FLOOD AFFIRMED
BEFORE ME THIS 30th DAY OF MAY, 2024



JEFF BARILLE
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Exhibit D

Service on Embedded Distributors of EPLC:

Notice of Hearing in Essex Powerlines Corporation 2025 Cost of Service Rate Application Proceeding



Grace Flood
To regulatory@hydroone.com

Reply Reply All Forward Thu 2024-05-30 8:36 AM

You forwarded this message on 2024-05-30 8:35 AM.



Notice_Essex Powerlines CoS DVA_Bilingual_20240524.pdf
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Good morning,

Pursuant to the Letter of Direction from the OEB dated May 24, 2024, Essex Powerlines Corporation (Essex Powerlines) is serving the enclosed Notice of Hearing, and the application and evidence, directly on all embedded distributors, namely:

- Hydro One Networks Inc.

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Essex Powerlines' application and evidence for its 2025 Cost of Service Rate Application can be found at the following link: <https://www.oeb.on.ca/Website/wwa/Receipt?name=essex-2024-0022&id=View&RegisteredOn=Essex%20-%201>

Regards,



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THIS 30TH DAY OF MAY, 2024

JOE BANILE
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Exhibit E

Service by email to Customers:

[View this email in your browser](#)



Notice of Hearing: 2025 Cost of Service Rate Application

Essex Powerlines has applied to the Ontario Energy Board to change our electricity distribution rates and to ask for a new deferral account. Please review the Ontario Energy Board's Notice of Hearing to learn more and to find out how you can participate in the Ontario Energy Board's hearing.

[Download Notice of Hearing](#)

If you wish to view the full application, visit the [Ontario Energy Board](#) website.



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Our mailing address is:
2730 Hwy 3 | Oldcastle, ON | N0R 1L0
Want to change how you receive these emails?
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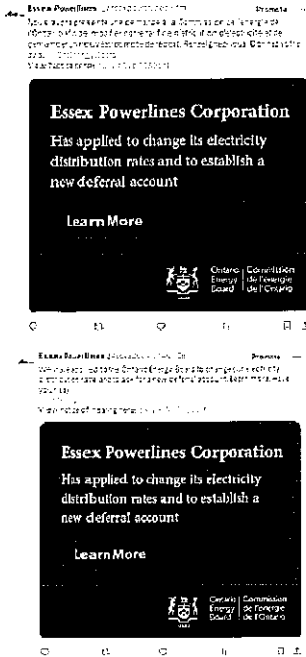
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JLE BATTLE". The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

JLE BATTLE
LSO # 464610

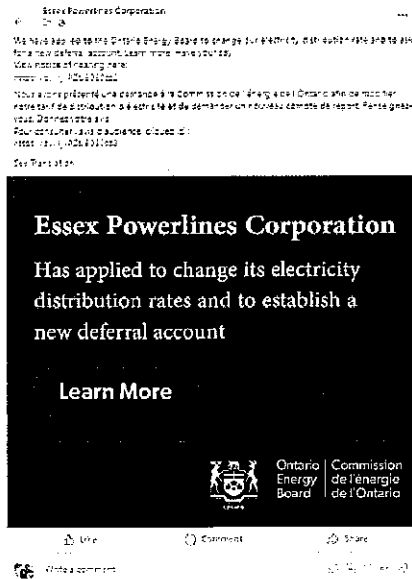
Exhibit F

Social Media posts:

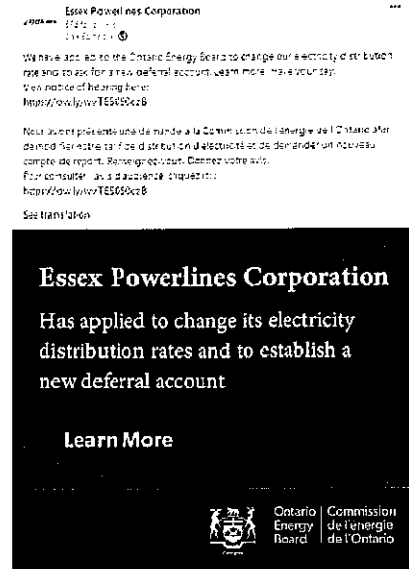
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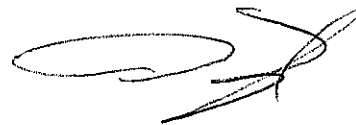
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