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Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board
3rd Floor, 1601 Lower Water Street
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Attention: Crystal Henwood, Regulatory Affairs Officer / Clerk

Dear Ms. Henwood:

RE: M10473 - EfficiencyOne 2023-2025 Demand Side Management ("DSM") Plan Application ("Plan")

EfficiencyOne ("EOne") had previously indicated its intention to file its 2023-2025 DSM Plan Application ("Application") on February 28, 2022. In an effort to limit the issues in contention related to the Plan, EOne requested consent of the Board to extend the filing date of its Application to March 4, 2022. On February 28, 2022, the Board approved EOne's extension request.

E1 has used this extension period to engage in further discussions with stakeholders. This process has resulted in significant alignment among stakeholders, including NS Power.

Through these discussions, EOne will now be submitting an Application supported by Nova Scotia Power ("NS Power"), in accordance with s. 79L(2) of the *Public Utilities Act*.

As a result of this agreement, EOne will be required to update its DSM Plan modelling to support the Application. The estimated time to complete this remodeling is one week. Accordingly, E1 is requesting that the filing date for the 2023 – 2025 DSM Plan Application be extended to March 14, 2022 to allow for the completion of this work.

In light of the level of agreement reached, and the demanding regulatory calendar for the balance of the year, EOne believes this Application could be effectively dealt with by way of paper process, subject to a party requesting or the Board determining that the matter proceed as an oral hearing following the filing of evidence. This approach has been canvassed with NS Power, Consumer Advocate, Small Business Advocate and Industrial Group representative; all of whom indicated their support for this format as a way to lessen the regulatory burden.

EOne appreciates the Board's extension of time which allowed for further stakeholder engagement and the agreement reached with Nova Scotia Power, and its consideration of this request to file the DSM Plan on or before March 14, 2022.

Respectfully,

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cc. S. Bruce Outhouse, Board Counsel
cc. Brian Curry, NS Power
cc. EfficiencyOne