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November 7, 2014

BY FAX & BY COURIER

Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
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Dear Ms. Walli:

**Board File No. EB-2014-0227 OESP Consult
Development of an Ongoing, Ratepayer Funded, Electricity Bill Assistance Program
Energy Probe – Notice of Participation**

Pursuant to the Letter from the Board, dated October 23, 2014, directed to Energy Probe, 7 other named parties, all licensed electricity distributors and all other unnamed interested parties, inviting them to a Stakeholder Forum to be held on November 6, 2014, Energy Probe notes the instruction at the bottom of Page 2:

“Stakeholders that intend to participate in the meeting are asked to email notice of their intention to Corinne.carvalho@ontarioenergyboard.ca by October 31, 2014.”

Energy Probe responded to Ms. Carvalho on October 29, 2014 and provided the information requested for participation in the Stakeholder Forum. Unfortunately, we did not notice that an additional response was necessary to request cost eligibility noted in Appendix C to the letter.

Please find attached the Notice of Participation of Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe) in the EB-2014-0227 proceeding for the Board’s consideration. Energy Probe has become aware of a number of issues it wishes to pursue in this Matter and has therefore availed itself of expert support being provided by Dr. Roger Higgin.

Energy Probe apologizes for filing its Notice of Participation past the due date. As noted in the Decision on Cost Eligibility, issued October 31, 2014, there was confusion among stakeholders as to the steps needed to be taken in order to qualify for Cost Eligibility. Only one stakeholder filed a request for cost eligibility within the 4 day time period provided for stakeholders to request an award of costs.

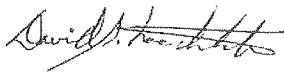
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In its Decision on Cost Eligibility, the Board did award Cost Eligibility to another stakeholder which filed for Cost Eligibility 4 days past the 4 day time period. In addition, the Board awarded Cost Eligibility to three stakeholders which did not file for Cost Eligibility (collectively, the "Eligible Working Group Members").

Given the confusion which arose in respect of filing for Cost Eligibility in this Consultation, Energy Probe, which did take an active part in the November 6th Stakeholder Forum, requests that the Board grant it Cost Eligibility.

Yours truly,



David S. MacIntosh
Case Manager

cc: Roger Higgin, Consultant to Energy Probe (By email)

Ontario Energy Board

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

AND IN THE MATTER OF Development of an Ongoing,
Ratepayer Funded, Electricity Bill Assistance Program

NOTICE OF PARTICIPATION

OF

ENERGY PROBE RESEARCH FOUNDATION

Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe) applies for participant status in this consultation.

Statement of Interest

Energy Probe is a non-profit environmental and consumer organization which promotes economic efficiency in the use of resources. Energy Probe will be representing its residential customer supporters in Ontario, which we have some number of thousands, and also representing a broader concern with respect to the overall financial health and operational integrity of our utilities. Energy Probe will be intervening on issues which the Foundation believes to be in the residential ratepayer interest.

Intervention

Energy Probe intends to appear and participate in the Consultation. Energy Probe will be assisted by experts.

Costs

Energy Probe is a non-profit organization which relies on individual donations to help protect the public interest. Without the prospect of an award of costs, Energy Probe's ability to participate in consultation processes would be very limited. Energy Probe intends to seek a cost award in this consultation, and expects to intervene responsibly, cognizant of the Boards guidelines regarding cost awards.

Communications

Communications relating to this Notice of Participation, including but not limited to all documents filed with the Board, are required by Energy Probe and should be directed to:

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Respectfully submitted at Toronto, Ontario this 7th day of November 2014.

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