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May 20, 2015

BY FAX & BY COURIER

Ms. Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board  
2300 Yonge St, Suite 2701  
Toronto ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

**Board File No. EB-2015-0040 Ontario Energy Board Consultation  
Regulatory Treatment of Pensions and Other Post-Employment Benefit Costs  
Energy Probe – Notice of Interest in Participation**

Pursuant to the Notification from the Board on May 14, 2015, outlining the consultation process by which the Board will develop standard principles to guide the OEB's review of pension and Other Post-Employment Benefit costs in the future, Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe) is hereby providing its Notice of Interest in Participation in the EB-2015-0040 proceeding for the Board's consideration.

Should you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

David S. MacIntosh  
Case Manager

cc. Roger Higgin, Consultant to Energy Probe (By email)  
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Parties of Interest (By email)

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**EB-2015-0040**

## **Ontario Energy Board**

**Consultation Process for Developing Standard Principles  
for Regulatory Treatment of Pensions and Other Post-  
Employment Benefit Costs**

**Energy Probe Research Foundation**

**◆Request for Funding◆**

**May 20, 2015**

## **Board's Proposed Consultation Process – Request for Funding**

### **i) 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 participating on issues which the Foundation believes to be in the residential ratepayer interest.

### **ii) Energy Probe's Participation**

Energy Probe intends to fully participate in all of the phases of the discussions, including but not limited to attendance at consultation meetings and the submission of written comments as requested by the Board. Energy Probe will be assisted by experts.

Energy Probe would like to remind the Board that in prior Board processes in which it has expressed its interest, it has participated well beyond minimum requirements.

### **iii) Other Sources of Funding**

Energy Probe will access funding from general donations from its supporters to make up any shortfall should it exceed the cost allowances of the Board. Energy Probe relies on volunteers to be able to support its regulatory and other work, including a volunteer Board of Directors.

iv) Energy Probe's Advisory Team

Energy Probe will be assisted by the following advisory team, to whom all communications concerning this process should be directed:

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Respectfully submitted at Toronto, Ontario this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May 2015.



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