

July 11, 2018

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

**Re: EB-2017-0038 – Application by Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation – Distribution Rates – May 1, 2018**

I am a consultant to the Consumers Council of Canada (“Council”). I have been instructed by my client to intervene in the proceeding to consider the Application to the Ontario Energy Board (“OEB” or “Board”) by Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation for distribution rates effective May 1, 2018. The Council is a public-interest entity which represents the interests of residential consumers in Ontario. The Board’s order in this proceeding will ultimately impact the rates that residential consumers pay for the delivery of electricity.

We are applying for late intervention status. We only recently became aware of this Application, as we have not previously intervened in Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation proceedings, and did not receive the Notice Of Application directly.

On November 18, 2017, the Council filed with the Board, pursuant to Rule 22.03 of the Ontario Energy Board’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, a document describing the Council, its mandate and objectives, membership, the constituency represented, and the types of activities the Council carries out. In addition, we provided a list of the individuals authorized to represent the Council in Board proceedings.

The nature and scope of the Council’s intended participation in the proceeding will be to assess the reasonableness of Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation’s application and the resulting rate proposals. This includes a review of the issues identified by the OEB in its Decision on the Scope of Review. The Council intends to participate in the various stages of the proceeding as determined by the Board which may include an interrogatory process, a technical conference, a settlement conference and a hearing.

The Council intends to ask for an order of costs in this proceeding. The Council has participated in many electricity distribution applications over a long period of time. In all of those proceedings the Council has been recognized as being eligible for an award of costs.

Copies of all Board correspondence and hard copies of the Applicant’s evidence should be sent to the following:

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Please let us know if any further information from the Council is required at this time.

Yours truly,

*Julie E. Girvan*

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