

January 24, 2019

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street
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Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: EB-2018-0316– Application by the Independent Electricity System Operator/Smart Metering Entity for Approval to Provide Access to Non-personal Data to Third Parties at Market Prices

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”) by the Independent Electricity Operator in its capacity as the Smart Metering Entity (“SME”) to amend its licence to enable it to charge market prices for access to certain non-personal data about electricity usage to third parties. The Council is a public-interest entity which represents the interests of residential consumers in Ontario. The Council’s interest in this proceeding is to assess the proposals of the SME and ensure that the interests of residential consumers are sufficiently protected.

On December 10, 2018, 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 the following:

1. To assess and consider how the SME’s proposals may impact residential consumers and to ensure that the interests of residential consumers are sufficiently protected;
2. To participate in the various stages of the proceeding which may include an interrogatory process, a technical conference, a settlement conference and an oral hearing.

The Council intends to ask for an order of costs in this proceeding. The Council has participated in many electricity 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. In the absence of an award of costs the Council would be unable to participate in this proceeding.

Copies of all Board Notices and hard copies of the Applicant’s evidence should be sent to me, at 62 Hillside Avenue East, Toronto, Ontario, M4S 1T5. My telephone number is 416-322-7936 and my e-mail is jgirvan@uniserve.com.

Yours truly,

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