

Ms. Christine Long
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April 27, 2020

**Re: EB-2020-0066 Enbridge Voluntary RNG Program
Pollution Probe Response Letter**

Dear Ms. Long:

Pollution Probe filed a Letter of Intervention on March 19, 2020 in the above noted proceeding following a notice from Enbridge of its application. In Procedural Order No. 1 dated April 22, 2020, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) denied Pollution Probe's intervention request indicating that "OEB notes that Pollution Probe's areas of focus as described are very broad and their linkages to the issues to be determined in this proceeding have not been established. As stated above, this application focusses on a specific voluntary program. The proceeding is not meant to encompass broad policy issues, nor a more extensive review of gas supply planning." The following provides greater detail in support of Pollution Probe's request to be granted standing in this proceeding.

Pollution Probe chose to reference broader Provincial policy in its Letter of Intervention simply due to the fact that Enbridge had underpinned Provincial policy as a basis of their application, more specifically "the Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan requires natural gas utilities to implement a voluntary RNG option for customers"¹. In an attempt to be efficient, Pollution Probe did not provide enough detail linking its request to the specific issues to satisfy the OEB. It is clear to Pollution Probe that the request before the Board is specifically related to the Voluntary RNG Program and Pollution Probe apologizes for any confusion. Providing broader policy context was simply meant to indicate how the Voluntary RNG Program is supported by Provincial goals as outlined in the Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan to provide cost-effective clean energy options to Ontario Ratepayers. Pollution Probe proposes to focus specifically on the issues (need, benefits and costs for consumers) related to the proposed Voluntary RNG Program and not expand beyond that narrow scope in this proceeding.

Pollution Probe represents the direct interests of consumers and an interest and policy perspective relevant to the Board's mandate in this proceeding. Pollution Probe works directly with consumers and communities in Ontario and also works collaboratively with organizations including the Clean Air Partnership and Clean Air Council that represents over 30 municipalities in Ontario leading community energy and emission action. Through its collaboration, Pollution Probe provides an opportunity for Ontario consumers, municipalities and related organization that do not have a direct mechanism to participate in this proceeding. There is a strong consumer demand in Ontario for more flexible energy options that also reduce environmental impacts and access to RNG (on a voluntary basis) is one specific option to be considered.

¹ EB-2020-0066 Exhibit A Tab 2 Schedule 1 Page 1 of 5



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Pollution Probe requests your acceptance for it to participate in this proceeding and confirmation that it will be eligible for its reasonable costs. Due to the specific nature and scope of this proceeding Pollution Probe expects its costs to be modest and its participation to provide value to the OEB and an efficient manner for relevant input from consumers and communities across Ontario on the program request.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Pollution Probe.

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