

May 20, 2020

Christine Long
Registrar and Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
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Dear Ms. Long:

Re: EB-2020-0133 – OEB Consultation on the Deferral Account – Impacts Arising From the COVID-19 Emergency

I am a consultant to the Consumers Council of Canada (“Council”). I have been instructed by my client to seek approval to participate in the Ontario Energy Board’s (“OEB”) Consultation on the COVID-19 Deferral Account. The Council is a public-interest entity which represents the interests of residential consumers in Ontario. The outcome of this consultation process will impact the natural gas and electricity distribution rates that residential consumers will pay.

On March 15, 2020, 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 and consultation processes.

The nature and scope of the Council’s intended participation in the proceeding will be the following:

1. To attend the stakeholder meeting on May 28, 2020;
2. To provide comments on the Draft Issues List; and
3. To participate in any further steps in the consultation process.

The Council intends to ask for an order of costs in this consultation process. The Council has participated in many OEB proceedings and consultation processes over a long period of time. In all of those proceedings and consultation processes 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 process.

Copies of all correspondence related to this proceeding should be sent to:

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

Yours truly,

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CC: Ken Whitehurst, Consumers Council of Canada