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BY EMAIL & COURIER

Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge St, Suite 2701
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Dear Ms. Walli:

**Board File No. EB-2011-0140
East-West Tie Line Designation Proceeding
Cost Eligibility – Submissions of Energy Probe**

Pursuant to the Decision on Intervention and Cost Eligibility, issued by the Board on March 30, 2012 in respect of the East-West Tie Line, Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe) is hereby providing its submissions in the EB-2011-0140 proceeding for the Board's consideration.

Energy Probe was somewhat surprised, as it appears was the Board, at the number of intervenors in the proceeding. However, Energy Probe has had the opportunity to review today's thought provoking Submission from the School Energy Coalition (SEC) and supports the conclusions drawn by Mr. Shepherd. Most specifically, Energy Probe adopts the penultimate paragraph of the SEC Submission in respect of the restrictions imposed on ratepayer groups in this proceeding.

Turning to the Board's direction on the submissions that it expects from the two intervenors it designated as being in the low volume category, Energy Probe was approached by the Consumers Council of Canada (CCC) to form an intervention coalition with the proviso that the CCC take the lead position.

In the only recent Leave to Construct of a major Ontario transmission line (EB-2007-0050 HONI Bruce to Milton), Energy Probe was the only ratepayer intervenor representing the low volume category other than landowner groups. That being the case, Energy Probe is concerned with the bona fides of CCC to undertake the lead position.

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Further, as the Board is no doubt aware, the positions that CCC and Energy Probe may take in proceedings and consultations often differ in many respects.

While Energy Probe can point to over 30 years of intervening in front of the Board on behalf of individual ratepayers and has on its intervention team a great deal of experience in electricity transmission matters, we must agree with SEC that one ratepayer intervenor is not in a position to make any submissions, on any principled basis, supporting itself over any other ratepayer group.

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

Yours truly,



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