

Ontario Energy Board

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*,
S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B);

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Erie Thames
Powerlines Corporation for an order approving just and
reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution to
be effective September 1, 2012.

**ENERGY PROBE RESEARCH FOUNDATION
("ENERGY PROBE")**

**COMMENTS ON DRAFT RATE ORDER
DECEMBER 4, 2012**

**ERIE THAMES POWERLINES CORPORATION
2012 RATES REBASING CASE
EB-2012-0121**

**COMMENTS OF ENERGY PROBE RESEARCH FOUNDATION
ON
DRAFT RATE ORDER DATED DECEMBER 4, 2012**

Energy Probe has reviewed the Draft Rate Order ("DRO") filed December 4, 2012 by Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation ("ETPC"). Energy Probe believes that the DRO appropriately reflects the approved Settlement Agreement, with the exception noted below.

In the EB-2011-0405 Decision With Reasons and Rate Order dated December 21, 2011, the Board reduced the Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection ("RRRP") charge from \$0.0013 per kWh to \$0.0011 per kWh.

ETPC has reflected this charge of \$0.0011 per kWh in the rate schedules in the DRO (Appendix A) for all rates with the exception of the GS > 1000 to 4999 kW class, which remains at \$0.0013 per kWh.

Energy Probe believes this is an oversight, as the rate impacts shown in Appendix C to the DRO (with the heading Appendix 2-V) all appear to use the correct figure of \$0.0011 per kWh, including the rate impacts associated with the GS > 1000 to 4999 kW class.

Energy Probe submits that the Rural Rate Protection Charge for the GS > 1000 to 4999 kW class should be changed to \$0.0011 per kWh.