

March 3, 2015

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board  
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Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: EB-2014-0101 Oshawa PUC Networks Inc. – Rates 2015-2019 – Letter of Intervention**

I am a consultant to the Consumers Council of Canada (“Council”). I have been instructed by my client to intervene in the Application made by Oshawa PUC Networks Inc. (“Oshawa PUC”) for approval of electricity distribution rates for the period January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2019. The Council is a public-interest entity which represents the interests of residential consumers in Ontario. The Board’s order in this proceeding will ultimately impact the rates that residential consumers pay for the delivery of electricity.

On June 23, 2014, 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 the reasonableness of the overall rate-setting plan proposed by Oshawa PUC and its various components;
2. To consider the reasonableness of Oshawa PUC’s forecasts of costs and revenues over the plan term;
3. To assess Oshawa PUC’s proposals regarding cost allocation and rate design;
4. To propose, if required, alternatives to Oshawa PUC’s proposals in order to ensure the interests of residential consumers are sufficiently protected throughout the term of the rate-setting plan.

The Council intends to participate in any pre-hearing procedures, including interrogatories, technical conferences and settlement conferences. The Council will also participate in any oral hearing of this matter as well as any other Board mandated steps in the proceeding.

The Council intends to ask for an order of costs in this proceeding. The Council has participated in many of the applications of Ontario electricity distributors 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 correspondence and hard copies of the Applicant’s evidence 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,

*Julie E. Girvan*

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