October 1, 2015

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street P.O. Box 2319 Toronto, Ont. M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

## Re: EB-2015-0075 – Horizon Utilities Corporation Annual Filing for 2016 Electricity Distribution Rates

I am a consultant to the Consumers Council or Canada ("Council"). I have been instructed by my client to intervene in the proceeding to consider the Application to the Ontario Energy Board ("OEB") by Horizon Utilities Corporation for approval of rates for 2016. 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 and Practices 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 test the Applicant's evidence and its rate proposal for 2016;
- 2. To assess all proposals that have been set out in the Application that may impact Horizon Utilities Corporation's residential ratepayers; and
- 3. To participate in the various stages of the proceeding.

The Council intends to ask for an order of cost in this proceeding. The Council has participated in many electricity rate applications 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 correspondence related to this proceeding 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,

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