

July 11, 2016

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

Re: EB-2014-0255 - Consultation on the Development of Corporate Governance Guidance for OEB Rate Regulated Utilities

On June 22, 2016, the Ontario Energy Board (“OEB”) issued a letter initiating a policy consultation to develop guidance on corporate governance for OEB rate-regulated utilities.

The Consumers Council of Canada (“Council”) is seeking intervenor status in this consultation. The Council is a public-interest entity which represents the interests of residential consumers in Ontario. The results of this consultation will impact the utilities in the Province that provide services to residential consumers.

The Council intends to ask for an order of costs in this consultation. The Council is of the view that it is eligible for a cost award as it primarily represents the direct interests of consumers in relation to the services that are regulated by the Board. On August 18, 2015, 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.

For well over a decade the Council has regularly participated in Board consultation processes. In those processes the Board has determined the Council to be eligible for an award of costs. In the absence of an award of costs the Council would be unable to participate in this consultation. The Council intends to participate in all stages of the consultation.

The Council is requesting all correspondence and evidence related to this consultation (both electronic and hard copies) 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