

September 20, 2016

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street
P.O. Box 2319
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Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: EB-2016-0077 – Horizon Utilities Corporation - Annual Filing for 2017 Electricity Distribution Rates

I am a consultant to the Consumers Council of 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 (“Horizon”) for electricity distribution rates effective January 1, 2017. 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 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.

The nature and scope of the Council’s intended participation in the proceeding will be to ensure that application is consistent with the Settlement Agreement and the OEB’s Decision and Order regarding Horizon’s Custom IR Application (EB-2014-0002).

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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Cc: Ken Whitehurst, Consumers Council of Canada
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