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# Board File No. EB-2016-0081 --- Hydro One Distribution 2017 Rates Application Energy Probe -- Notice of Intervention

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Pursuant to Notice from the Board announcing the proceeding in respect of the Hydro One Inc. Application for 2017 Distribution Rates, Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe) is hereby providing its Notice of Intervention in the EB-2016-0081 proceeding for the Board's consideration.

Energy Probe has become aware of a number of issues it wishes to pursue in this Matter, and has therefore availed itself of expert support. Please note that in the attached Notice of Intervention, Energy Probe has requested a hard copy of the Applicant's evidence and material for Dr. Higgin in addition to electronic copies.

Should you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

David S. MacIntosh

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## **Ontario Energy Board**

IN THE MATTER OF the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S. O. 1998, c. 15, Schedule B as amended;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an Application by Hydro One Networks Inc. for an Order or Orders approving or fixing just and reasonable rates and other service charges for the distribution of electricity, effective January 1, 2017.

### NOTICE OF INTERVENTION

**OF** 

## **ENERGY PROBE RESEARCH FOUNDATION**

Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe) applies for intervenor status in this proceeding.

#### Statement of Interest

Energy Probe is a non-profit environmental and consumer organization which promotes economic efficiency in the use of resources. Energy Probe will be representing its residential customer supporters in Ontario, which we have some number of thousands, and also representing a broader concern with respect to the overall financial health and operational integrity of our utilities. Energy Probe will be intervening on issues which the Foundation believes to be in the residential ratepayer interest.

### Intervention

Energy Probe intends to appear and participate in the hearing. Energy Probe expects to be a full-time intervenor. Energy Probe will be assisted by experts.

#### Costs

Energy Probe is a non-profit organization which relies on individual donations to help protect the public interest. Without the prospect of an award of costs, Energy Probe's ability to participate in proceedings would be very limited. Energy Probe intends to seek a cost award in this proceeding, and expects to intervene responsibly, cognizant of the Boards guidelines regarding cost awards.

#### Communications

Energy Probe wishes to advise the Applicant that electronic copies of the prefiled evidence and any other supporting materials are sufficient for its Case Manager and Mr. Yauch. In addition to electronic copies of the prefiled evidence, **please provide one hard copy of the Application and other supporting materials to Dr. Roger Higgin**.

Communications relating to this Notice of Intervention, including but not limited to all documents filed with the Board by Hydro One Networks Inc., are required by Energy Probe and should be directed to:

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Respectfully submitted at Toronto, Ontario this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July 2016.

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