

Ms. Christine Long Registrar & Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319, 27th Floor 2300 Yonge Street Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

August 17, 2020

EB-2020-0133 Consultation on the Deferral Account Pollution Probe Letter of Comment on Process

Dear Ms. Long:

Pollution Probe is in receipt of the Ontario Energy Board ("Board") correspondence dated August 14, 2020 including the final Issues List for the above-noted proceeding. The correspondence referenced the Board's July 17, 2020 letter, reiterating that the OEB welcomes any comments from stakeholders on the form of consultation to be adopted.

The Board indicated that it intends to post a Staff Proposal for comment in the future. Due to the significance of the issues outlined in the final Issues List and diversity of opinions, Pollution Probe recommends that the OEB include steps to provide a preliminary draft of the Staff Proposal and hold a Technical Conference for Board Staff to walk all stakeholders through the draft proposal prior to releasing the Staff Proposal for comment. This will provide an opportunity to ensure that the Staff Proposal is clear,, respond to questions and that there are no gaps prior to the formal process for stakeholders to submit comments. The proposed step may also provide an opportunity to enhance efficiency for the remainder of the consultation process.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Pollution Probe.

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