

March 13, 2019

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

Re: EB-2018-0278 – Activity and Program Based Benchmarking – Consultation Process - Cost Request

I am a consultant to the Consumers Council of Canada (“Council”). I have been instructed by my client to intervene in the consultation process undertaken by the Ontario Energy Board (“OEB”) to consider Activity and Program Based Benchmarking. The Council is a public-interest entity which represents the interests of residential consumers in Ontario. The outcome of this process will ultimately impact the way in which the OEB regulates electricity distribution rates.

On December 10, 2018, the Council filed with the Board, pursuant to Rule 22.03 of the Ontario Energy Board’s Rules of Practice 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 Council is seeking costs for its participation in this consultation process. The Council has participated in many electricity distribution applications and OEB consultation processes over a long period of time. In all of those cases 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 process.

Copies of all correspondence related to this initiative should be sent to me, at 62 Hillside Avenue East, Toronto, Ontario, M4S 1T5. My telephone number is 416-322-7936 and my e-mail is jgirvan@uniserve.com.

Yours truly,

Julie E. Girvan

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CC: Ken Whitehurst, Consumers Council of Canada