

Ms. Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board  
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May 30, 2019

**Re: EB-2019-0003 Post-2020 Natural Gas Demand Side Management Framework  
Pollution Probe's Letter of Intervention**

Dear Ms. Walli:

Pollution Probe seeks intervenor status and cost award eligibility in the above noted proceeding.

**About Pollution Probe**

Pollution Probe is a national charitable organization based in Toronto that exists to improve the health and well-being of Canadians by advancing policy that achieves positive, tangible change for consumers and the environment. Pollution Probe represents its supporters and the public at large on energy, environmental, public health, transportation and related issues.

Since 1969, Pollution Probe has been a recognised leader in defining progress through research, awareness, education and pressing for practical balanced solutions through evidence-based advocacy. Now in its 50th year, Pollution Probe continues to be recognised as a leader in Ontario and Canada, continuing to be relied upon by consumers, governments, regulators and industry at all levels for creating balanced and practical solutions to consumer and environmental issues through our evidence-based collaborative approach.

Pollution Probe is unique in that it represents issues facing a broad group of stakeholders including the public (e.g. Ratepayers), non-profit sector, industry, municipal, provincial and federal policy makers – to find the correct balance between economics and the environment. Pollution Probe is working with communities and policy makers on the transition in the energy system. For example, Pollution Probe is working with stakeholders on issues related to the effective introduction of technology in Canada, low-carbon innovation and regulated utilities, and the future of natural gas in a low carbon energy system.

**Goals and Objectives**

Pollution Probe is intervening in order to provide its experience and promote that the policy implications of the proceeding adequately balance economic (e.g. Ratepayer) and environmental implications while ensuring it does not hinder the effective and efficient transition to a lower carbon energy economy. Pollution Probe also brings a very deep working knowledge of DSM policy, consumer/industry interactions and alignment with policy at the provincial and federal levels. Goals also include ensuring

that the guidelines and programs provide reasonable flexibility and promote aggressive industry partnerships, while holding the utility accountable for cost-effective results.

Pollution Probe has been an active and valuable participant in proceedings before the Ontario Energy Board, including those directly related to DSM policy, programs and frameworks. Pollution Probe is recognized as an evidence-based collaborator and is uniquely positioned to provide a balanced and well-informed perspective.

### **Intention to Seek Cost Awards**

Pollution Probe is a not-for-profit charitable organization. We receive individual donations as well as funding for individual research projects, such as on EVs and innovation and regulated utilities, from a variety of public and private sources. Without the prospect of an award of costs, Pollution Probe's ability to participate in the consultation process would be very limited.

Pollution Probe respectfully requests your acceptance of this intervention and confirmation that it will be eligible for costs.

### **Notice**

Pollution Probe will coordinate its activities, where appropriate, with parties which represent other consumer and environmental interests in Ontario. Pollution Probe requests that further communications with respect to this matter be sent to:

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Respectfully submitted on behalf of Pollution Probe.

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