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June 20, 2019

Ms Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board  
2300 Yonge Street  
Toronto, ON  
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Dear Ms. Walli,

**RE: EB-2019-0018 Alectra Utilities 2020 Rates Application  
Energy Probe Intervenor Request Letter**

Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe) applies for intervenor status in the EB-2019-0049 proceeding, the application by Alectra Utilities Corporation to the Ontario Energy Board for approval of increases in electricity distribution rates for its five rate zones effective January 1, 2020.

**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 electricity residential customer supporters, which we have some number of thousands, and will also be representing a broader concern with respect to the overall financial health and operational integrity of Ontario utilities. Energy Probe was an active participant in past electricity rates proceedings and hopes that its participation will be of assistance to the Board.

Energy Probe expects that it will focus on the following parts of the application:

- the 2020 – 2024 Distribution System Plan,
- the Worst Performing Feeders report
- the Value Framework
- and the M-factor capital funding proposal

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## Hearing

Energy Probe hopes that all issues can be resolved through settlement negotiations and that a hearing will not be necessary. However, if a hearing is required, Energy Probe plans to be an active participant in the hearing, whether it is in an oral or written form.

## 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 Board's guidelines regarding cost awards.

## Communications

Communications relating to this Intervenor Request Letter, including but not limited to all documents filed with the Board by the applicant and required by Energy Probe, should be directed to consultants:

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Respectfully submitted on behalf of Energy Probe.

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