

Ms. Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board  
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July 12, 2019

**Re: EB-2019-0077 Leave to Construct for the South Nepean Project  
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 outcomes in favour of consumers and the environment. Pollution Probe represents its stakeholders and the public at large on energy, environmental, community/regional planning, public health, transportation and related issues.

Since 1969, Pollution Probe has been a recognised leader in defining progress through policy development and intervention, research, awareness, education and pressing for practical balanced solutions in a collaborative manner. Now in its 50th year, Pollution Probe continues to be recognised as a leader in Ontario and across 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 represents issues facing a broad group of stakeholders including consumers (i.e. Ratepayers), non-profit sector, industry, municipal, provincial and federal policy makers. Pollution Probe is working with communities and policy makers on the transition in the energy system.

**Goals and Objectives**

Pollution Probe's objective in this proceeding is to assess the project costs, need and reliability from a consumer (i.e. Ratepayer), policy and community perspective. This proposed project represent almost \$60 million of costs to consumers that will be recovered over decades and it is prudent at this time to ensure that an investment in these assets meet consumer needs and supports long-term policy objectives (e.g. renewable energy including a link to a large increase in storage assets and electrification) over the life of the proposed assets. It is also important to ensure that this project systematically aligns with both Regional and Community Energy Planning to avoid unnecessary increased costs or redundant assets.

Pollution Probe has been an active and valuable participant in proceedings before the Ontario Energy Board and is recognized as an evidence-based collaborator that represents consumer interests in a balanced and well-informed manner.

### **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 from a variety of public and private sources. Without the prospect of an award of costs, Pollution Probe's ability to participate in the public hearing 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 requests that communications and materials be sent electronically to:

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Respectfully submitted on behalf of Pollution Probe.

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