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July 31, 2019

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

**RE: EB-2019-0137 Consultation to Review Natural Gas Supply Plans
Energy Probe Participation and Cost Eligibility Request Letter**

Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe) applies to participate in the EB-2019-0137 Consultation to Review Natural Gas Supply Plans, and requests that it be eligible for the recovery of the costs for its participation.

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 natural gas residential customer supporters in Ontario, 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 has been a responsible participant in OEB proceedings for over thirty years. In this consultation process, Energy Probe will focus on the cost-effectiveness, reliability and security of natural gas supply for residential customers.

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

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the consultation process would be very limited. Energy Probe intends to seek a cost award in this consultation process, and expects to participate responsibly, cognizant of the Board's guidelines regarding cost awards.

Consultants

Energy Probe will be represented by its consultants, Tom Ladanyi and Roger Higgin. Mr. Ladanyi is a professional engineer and accountant with 36 years of experience in the natural gas utility sector of the economy. Dr. Higgin is a former OEB board member with a doctorate in engineering. He has more than thirty years of experience in the energy utility sector of the economy including a number of years as the President of the Canadian Gas Research Institute. Both consultants participated in the RP-2004-0213 Natural Gas Forum and the EB-2010-0199 Natural Gas Market Review. Their CVs are on file with the OEB and their contact information is provided below.

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Energy Probe expects that its participation will consist of meeting attendance and submission of written comments.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Energy Probe.

Original signed by

Tom Ladanyi
Consultant to Energy Probe