

August 6, 2019

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
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Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: EB-2018-0028 - Energy+ Inc. – 2019 Cost of Service Application

We represent the Consumers Council of Canada (“Council”) in the above-referenced proceeding. We have seen the letter dated July 30, 2019, from Ms. Sarah Hughes, Energy Plus’s CFO regarding intervenor costs. In that letter Ms. Hughes submitted that the Ontario Energy Board (“OEB”) should consider reducing the preparation costs of the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (“VECC”) to a level similar to that of the Council and the School Energy Coalition (“SEC”).

We are also in receipt of a letter from VECC’s Counsel dated July 31, 2019, in which he submitted that in this proceeding VECC took the lead with respect to a number of complex cost allocation and rate design issues. In addition, VECC’s consultant incurred costs addressing a number of generic issues that were considered in this case. Mr. Lawford submitted that given VECC’s consultant played a lead role analyzing these issues the costs are reasonable. The Council agrees with Mr. Lawford and submits that VECC’s costs should not be reduced. Both the Council and SEC relied upon the expertise of Mr. Harper in this proceeding. In fact the Council adopted many of the submissions made by VECC in its final argument with respect to the cost allocation and rate design issues.

Yours truly,

Julie E. Girvan

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CC: All parties