

Ms. Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board  
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August 9, 2019

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

Dear Ms. Walli:

Pollution 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.

**About Pollution Probe**

Since 1969, Pollution Probe is 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 relied upon by consumers, industry, regulators and governments 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 proposes to participate with a focus on cost-effectiveness, reliability and alignment with public policy issues including consumer, environmental and economic issue that impacts our members, consumers and our community partners. This proceeding will have direct impact on consumers and policy implications including economic, environmental and other factors such as energy conservation, distributed energy resources and community energy planning across Ontario municipalities. Pollution Probe is also interested to ensure that the Gas Supply Plan adequately balances economic (e.g. Ratepayer) and policy implications while ensuring it does not hinder the effective and efficient transition to a lower carbon energy economy. Pollution Probe has a deep working knowledge of the interaction of these issues at a policy, consumer and community level.

### **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, future of energy in a low carbon energy system and regulated utility innovation, 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 has been an active and valuable participant in proceedings before the Ontario Energy Board and will continue to coordinate its activities, where appropriate, with parties which represent other consumer and environmental interests in Ontario.

Pollution Probe respectfully requests your acceptance of this request to participate and confirmation that it will be eligible for its costs.

### **Notice**

Pollution Probe requests that further communications with respect to this matter be sent to:

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Pollution Probe intends to participate in all elements of the proceeding. For the Stakeholder Conference on September 23rd, Pollution Probe currently intends to participate remotely.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Pollution Probe.

Original signed by

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