

Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
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August 16, 2019

**Re: EB-2019-0207 Distributed Energy Resources Connections Review Initiative
Pollution Probe Participation and Cost Eligibility Request Letter**

Dear Ms. Walli:

Pollution Probe applies to participate in the EB-2019-0207 Distributed Energy Resources (DER) Connections Review Initiative, 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 enhancing the access to DER solutions for customers through industry standardization, reducing barriers and improving transparency to remove roadblocks. Pollution Probe is also interested to ensure that DER connections adequately balances economic (e.g. Ratepayer), reliability and policy implications while ensuring it supports an effective and efficient transition to a lower carbon energy economy. DER is an essential component of a cost-effective and clean energy system. Pollution Probe has been directly involved in policy, consumer and community level issues related to DER.



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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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Respectfully submitted on behalf of Pollution Probe.

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