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September 17, 2019

Ms Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli,

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

Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe) applies to participate in the EB-2019-0207 Distributed Energy Resources Connections Review Initiative, and requests that it be eligible for the recovery of the costs for its participation. Energy Probe apologizes for inadvertently missing the deadline and hopes that the OEB will accept its request.

# **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 electricity residential and small commercial 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 and reliability of Ontario's electricity system

Energy Probe is an active participant in the in the EB-2018-0287 and EB-0288 Utility Remuneration and Responding to Distributed Energy Resources consultation and believes that its

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participation in the related EB-2019-0207 Distributed Energy Resources Connections Review Initiative would be of assistance to the OEB.

# 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 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.

## Communications

Communications relating to this Participation Request Letter, including but not limited to all documents required by Energy Probe, should be directed to its consultant:

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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

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