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Our File: EB20190031

Attn: Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: EB-2019-0031 – Energy+ IRM/ICM – Notice of Intervention and Request to Consolidate

We are counsel to the School Energy Coalition (“SEC”). Attached, please find a copy of SEC’s Notice of Intervention in the 2020 IRM/ICM application of Energy+ Inc. (“Energy+”).

SEC requests that pursuant to section 21(5) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, the Board consolidate the Incremental Capital Module (“ICM”) portion of this application with that of the ICM portion of the application brought by Brantford Power Inc. (“BPI”) in EB-2019-0022. SEC has made a similar request in the BPI proceeding.

The ICM request by Energy+ is for funding for a new operations facility.¹ Energy+ proposes to share the facility with BPI, who themselves have brought as part of their 2020 IRM application, an ICM request for funding for their share of the overall building.² SEC submits that for reasons of both regulatory efficiency, and ensuring that there are no conflicting decisions regarding the same physical facility, that the ICM requests of both Energy+ and BPI be consolidated so they can be heard together.

In support of this request, SEC notes that in its application, Energy+ correctly points out that as part of the approved settlement proposal in its 2019 cost of service application, it agreed to withdraw its ACM request for its share of the proposed facility and to bring forward an ICM application in the same year as BPI. The parties to that settlement did on the basis that it “would be more efficient for the Board to consider the proposed facility at one time and to reduce the possibility of inconsistent decisions”.³

Yours very truly,
Shepherd Rubenstein P.C.

Original signed by

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¹ Pre-filed Evidence, p.24; Attachment A, p.4

² *Ibid*

³ EB-2019-0031, Energy+ 2020 IRM Application, p.29



cc: Wayne McNally, SEC (by email)
Applicant and interested parties (by email)
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ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*,
S.O. 1998, c.15, (Schedule B);

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Energy+ Inc. to
the Ontario Energy Board for an Order or Orders approving or fixing
just and reasonable distribution rates and other service charges to be
effective January 1, 2020.

**NOTICE OF INTERVENTION
OF THE
SCHOOL ENERGY COALITION**

1. The School Energy Coalition (“SEC”) applies for intervenor status in this proceeding.
2. SEC is a frequent intervenor in Board proceedings. Our current Annual Filing can be found on the Board’s website, here:

<http://www.rds.oeb.ca/HPECMWebDrawer/Record/589545/File/document>

3. The School Energy Coalition intends to apply for recovery of its costs reasonably incurred in the course of its intervention in this matter. SEC has participated in many past natural gas and electricity proceedings in Ontario, including consultations, rate cases, and other processes and hearings, and has been found eligible to be paid its reasonably incurred costs in all of those proceedings.

Issues to be Addressed

4. SEC’s intended participation will focus on the following:
 - a. The proposed Incremental Capital Module request; and
 - b. Generally to represent the interests of school boards and their students in this process.

The Intervenor's Intended Participation

5. SEC intends to participate in any pre-hearing procedures, including interrogatories or technical conferences, and settlement conferences. SEC also intends to participate in any oral hearing of this matter, and in written or oral submissions, as well as any other parts of the process that the Board should order.

Nature of Hearing Requested

- 6. Until interrogatories have been answered, we believe it is premature to assess whether a written or an oral hearing is more appropriate in this proceeding.

Counsel/Representative

- 7. SEC requests that a copy of all documents filed with the Board by each party to this proceeding be served on the intervenor, and on the intervenor’s counsel, as follows:

- a. School Energy Coalition: (electronic copies only)

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- b. SEC’s counsel: (**electronic copies only**)

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Respectfully submitted on behalf of the School Energy Coalition this September 19, 2019.

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