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Dear Ms. Long

**RE: Hydro One EB-2018-0242 Peterborough and EB-2018-0270 Orillia
Energy Probe submission on the need for oral hearing**

In its letters of October 28, 2019, the OEB requested submissions from Parties as to whether an oral hearing is required or whether the process can proceed directly to written submissions. The letter reminded the Parties that the purpose of an oral hearing is to hear evidence that is not already on the record. Any party that requested an oral hearing must provide an outline of the specific areas where it believes that the record is not complete and where the Panel will be assisted by hearing additional evidence.

Energy Probe has had the opportunity to review submissions of SEC and VECC and agrees with the points that they made in their submissions regarding the deficiencies with the record and the need for an oral hearing to complete the record. Energy Probe believes that the Panel would be assisted by additional evidence and by rigorous testing of evidence on the record that only an oral hearing can provide.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Energy Probe.

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