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Ms. Christine Long  
Board Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board  
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March 18, 2020

**Re: EB-2019-0261 Hydro Ottawa Custom IR 2021-2025  
Pollution Probe Intervenor Request Letter**

Dear Ms. Long:

Pollution Probe is in receipt of the notice for the above noted application and requests intervenor status and that it be eligible for the recovery of reasonably incurred costs for its participation.

Pollution Probe is a frequent intervenor in Board proceedings and a copy of our current Annual Filing can be found on the Board's website at the following location:

<http://www.rds.oeb.ca/HPECMWebDrawer/Record/647508/File/document>

**Goals and Objectives**

Pollution Probe intends to focus on the following areas during this proceeding.

- Distribution rates related to the period from 2021 to 2025.
- The Distribution System Plan, impact of the recently completed 2020 Ottawa Sub-Region IRRP and efficiency coordination with significant local energy initiatives including the City of Ottawa community energy plan.
- As a result of the South Nepean Leave to Construct approval in 2019 (estimated at \$50.1 million and project completion in 2020), Hydro Ottawa indicated that it expects to see a significant improvement in their supply reliability. According to Hydro Ottawa this will also support greater deployment of renewable resources, as the South Nepean MTS transformers have been specifically designed to accommodate injection of renewable energy into the local area's transmission system. It is not clear from the evidence how consumer benefits will be tracked and what activities Hydro Ottawa plans to undertake to encourage efficient coordination with those additional distributed/renewable energy resources.
- Cost of Capital and options to reduce utility and ratepayer costs.
- Deferral Accounts, including proposed changes to the Earning Sharing Mechanism.



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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 consumer and research projects, such as on community energy planning, future of natural gas 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 not be possible.

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 other parties which represent consumer, municipal 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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