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Dear Mr. Ladanyi:

**Re: Hydro Ottawa Limited (Hydro Ottawa)  
Application for 2021-2025 Rates  
Ontario Energy Board File Number: EB-2019-0261**

This letter is in response to Energy Probe Research Foundation's (Energy Probe) request for late intervenor status and cost award eligibility in the above-referenced proceeding. The OEB received Energy Probe's intervention request on April 21, 2020, after the close of the intervention period.

Energy Probe indicates that it will be representing its electricity residential customer supporters, which it asserts number in the thousands, and expects to focus on certain parts of Hydro Ottawa's application, including the proposed custom incentive rate-setting formula and the distribution system plan. Further, as filed under the OEB's annual filing requirement for frequent intervenors, Energy Probe's information submission contains a statement of interest that includes a unique approach "to argue for equitable rates that optimize results across all ratepayers classes, by eliminating cross subsidies among the various ratepayer classes."

Hydro Ottawa did not object to Energy Probe's request.

The OEB is satisfied that Energy Probe has a "substantial interest" in this proceeding within the meaning of Rule 22.02 of the OEB's *Rules of Practice and Procedure* and is therefore approved as an intervenor and is eligible to apply for an award of costs under the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

Energy Probe shall accept the record of the proceeding to this point.

Yours truly,

*Original signed by*

Christine E. Long  
Registrar and Board Secretary

c: All Parties  
Roger Higgin, Energy Probe Research Foundation