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June 4, 2020

**Re: EB-2019-0188 North Bay Community Expansion Project
Pollution Probe Cost Claim – Response Letter**

Dear Ms. Long:

Pollution Probe is in receipt of Enbridge's letter dated June 4, 2020 regarding the cost claim for the above-noted proceeding. Enbridge did not identify any concerns with the costs being claimed by Pollution Probe. However, Enbridge did note that a portion of the Pollution Probe Cost Claim was reported under "Pre-hearing Conference Preparation". This letter provides clarity in relation to why Pollution Probe recorded a portion of its costs in that category vs. using other categories available.

The 19.5 hours allocated to "Pre-hearing Conference Preparation" was for a set of activities that assisted throughout the full hearing process (i.e. evidence review, detailed comparison to environmental and policy requirements, the City of North Bay energy plan requirements, DSM potential and correspondence on hearing issues), and also supported Pollution Probe's ability to develop interrogatories and detailed argument. In a similar proceeding Pollution Probe was instructed by Board Staff to use the "Pre-hearing Conference Preparation" category for those activities and has applied the same practice in this proceeding for consistency.

Pollution Probe is willing to make any administrative adjustments to the categories it uses for this purpose should that be preferred in the future. We appreciate the opportunity to provide this clarity and please do not hesitate to reach out should you have any additional questions.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Pollution Probe.



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