

Ms. Christine Long OEB Registrar Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319, 27th Floor 2300 Yonge Street Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

May 31, 2021

# Re: EB-2021-0146 Consultation to Review Annual Update to Five-Year Natural Gas Supply Plans EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership (Aylmer and Southern Bruce) 2021 Annual Update Pollution Probe Participation Request

Dear Ms. Long:

Pollution Probe is in receipt of the notice for the above noted consultation and hereby applies for participant status and requests that it be eligible for the recovery of reasonably incurred costs for its participation. Pollution Probe also notes that the Technical Conference leveraged to assess the similar Enbridge Gas Supply Plan Annual Update was very useful and could also provide an efficient option to clarify or resolve residual issues in this process.

Pollution Probe represents consumers, community and policy interests in Ontario and works collaboratively with stakeholders including consumers, municipalities, the Clean Air Partnership and Clean Air Council. Through its collaboration, Pollution Probe provides an opportunity to participate in this proceeding in an efficient and cost-effective manner. Pollution Probe is a frequent intervenor in Board proceedings and a copy of the 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 participate with a focus on cost-effectiveness, reliability and alignment with public policy issues including consumer, environmental and economic issue that impacts our members, consumers and our community/municipal partners. This proceeding will have direct impact on consumers and policy implications including economic, environmental and other factors such as community energy planning across Ontario municipalities.

#### **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 this 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, community 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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