

July 9, 2021

Christine Long  
Registrar  
Ontario Energy Board  
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Dear Ms Long:

**Re: EB-2021-0180 - OEB Consultation Process – Innovation Sandbox Renewal**

I am a consultant to the Consumers Council of Canada (“Council”). I have been instructed by my client to intervene in the consultation process undertaken by the Ontario Energy Board (“OEB”) to renew its Innovation Sandbox. The Council is a public-interest entity which represents the interests of residential consumers in Ontario. The Council is interested in the design of the Innovation Sandbox and the potential impacts on customers and rates. It is important that the design promotes cost-effective innovation, but also ensures that the interests of consumers are sufficiently protected.

On March 15, 2020, the Council filed with the Board, pursuant to Rule 22.03 of the Ontario Energy Board’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, a document describing the Council, its mandate and objectives, membership, the constituency represented, and the types of activities the Council carries out. In addition, we provided a list of the individuals authorized to represent the Council in OEB proceedings.

The nature and scope of the Council’s intended participation in the proceeding will be the following:

1. To participate in the proposed on-on-one and/or small group meetings;
2. To attend the proposed stakeholder event in the Fall of 2021;
3. To submit written comments.

The Council intends to ask for an order of costs in this consultation process. The Council has participated in many electricity proceedings over a long period of time as well as OEB consultation processes. In all of those proceedings and consultation processes the Council has been recognized as being eligible for an award of costs. In the absence of an award of costs the Council would be unable to participate in this proceeding.

Copies of all correspondence related to this proceeding be sent to the following consultant:

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Please let us know if any further information from the Council is required at this time.

Yours truly,

**Julie E. Girvan**

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CC: Ken Whitehurst, Consumers Council of Canada