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August 16, 2021

VIA E-MAIL

Ms. Christine Long
Registrar
Ontario Energy Board
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Dear Ms. Long:

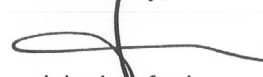
**Re: EB-2021-0106 – Updating CDM Guidelines for Electricity Distributors
Vulnerable Energy Consumer Coalition (VECC) Participation and Cost Eligibility Request**

In accordance with the OEB's letter of August 5, 2021, I am writing to indicate the Vulnerable Energy Consumer Coalition's intent to participate in the above proceeding. The treatment of CDM impacts and costs will have an impact on distributors' rates and is of interest to our constituents. I would ask that copies of any further correspondence regarding the proceeding also be forwarded to VECC's consultant - Bill Harper (bharper.consultant@bell.net).

VECC will be requesting an award of costs for its participation in this proceeding and believes that, as a coalition representing the direct interests of consumers, it meets the eligibility criteria set out in the Ontario Energy Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure (Section 41) and its Practice Direction on Cost Awards (Section 3.03). VECC's members do not have access to the direct funding required to retain appropriate legal and consulting support for its intervention in OEB proceedings. Accordingly, VECC relies on PIAC to provide legal support and retain qualified consultants on the basis that PIAC can recover the related fees and disbursements from the Board based on the Board's Practice Direction on Cost Awards at the prevailing Cost Award Tariff. Additional details regarding VECC can be found in its 2021 information filing.

Thank you.

Yours truly,



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Counsel for VECC