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December 8, 2021

VIA E-MAIL

Ms. Christine Long  
Registrar  
Ontario Energy Board  
2300 Yonge Street  
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Dear Ms. Long:

**Re: OEB EB-2021-0307 Reliability and Power Quality Review  
Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)  
Request for participation and cost eligibility**

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The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) is seeking to participate in the above-noted proceeding. The notice of this proceeding does not indicate whether the Board intends to allow for intervenor costs. If so, we also request we be considered eligible for an award of costs.

VECC is a well know intervenor in Board proceedings. Issues related to reliability metrics are an integral part of both the electricity service to our constituents and the determination of just and reasonable rates in proceedings that VECC is often party to.

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). We understand that cost eligible for commenting on the topics and questions identified in the Board's letter of November 30, 2021 is eight hours.

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.

The name & address of the agents authorized to receive documents on behalf of VECC are:

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The consultants employed by VECC are well known to the Board and their CVs are filed with the OEB in accordance to the annual filing requirements for frequent intervenors.

Should you have any questions or concerns please address them to myself at:

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Yours truly,

*John Lawford*

Counsel for VECC