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Nancy Marconi
Registrar
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Dear Ms. Marconi,

**RE: EB-2020-0293 Enbridge Gas St. Laurent Ottawa North Replacement Project
Energy Probe Submission on Exhibit KT2.1**

At the Technical Conference, on Monday March 7, Energy Probe attempted to refer to an exhibit which was a printout from a website called Ottawa Wind Concerns. The purpose of the exhibit was to prevent the witnesses from claiming that the Energy Evolution Plan is a done deal and that there is no opposition to it. Energy Probe found the Ottawa Wind Concerns website through internet search.

Energy Probe was surprised when the counsel for the Sponsors and the counsel for Environmental Defense raised strong objections to assigning a number to the exhibit at the Technical Conference. Despite their objections, OEB counsel assigned the exhibit number KT2.1 and noted that it was disputed.

It is unusual for parties in an OEB Technical Conference to object to exhibits used by other parties. Energy Probe is not aware of any previous instance. It appears that the Sponsors and Environmental Defense are trying to prevent the Commissioners from reading what was on a public website of a group of Ottawa citizens opposed to the Energy Evolution Plan, possibly because they believe that it may weaken whatever argument submissions they are planning to file.

The counsel for Environmental Defense claimed at the Technical Conference that the authors of the report cited in the article on the website that is critical of the Energy Evolution Plan are not identified. Their names are Robert Lyman and Tom Harris and can be seen on the first page of the disputed Exhibit KT2.1. Energy Probe found out that both are Ottawa residents associated with International Climate Science Coalition – Canada (ICSC-Canada), a not-for-profit entity created in early 2021. Mr. Lyman is an energy economist and Mr. Harris is mechanical engineer

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and businessman. They estimated that City of Ottawa's Energy Evolution Plan would cost \$57 billion which they claim Ottawa has no hope of funding.

The reference to the "critique of Ottawa's Climate Change Master Plan, including the 'Energy Evolution' document" cited on the Ottawa Wind Concerns webpage and used as an exhibit by Energy Probe was prepared by ICSC-Canada. ICSC-Canada issued a news release about the report on January 27, 2022 at <https://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/ottawa-s-climate-plans-a-blueprint-for-disaster-that-will-leave-city-polluted-fragile-and-bankrupt--857212865.html>, and also had several articles published in the press about its report (the most significant of which was in the London (UK)-based World Commerce Review magazine at <https://www.worldcommercereview.com/html/harris-a-cautionary-tale.html>).

On the Ottawa Wind Concerns website, the ICSC-Canada report was incorrectly attributed to the International Climate Science Coalition (ICSC), an entity founded in New Zealand in 2007, which is still operational, now in Ottawa under the direction of Tom Harris. ICSC takes the same position concerning climate change as ICSC-Canada. According to Mr. Harris, ICSC-Canada does not deny climate change and does not deny that man plays a role in climate change. ICSC-Canada questions whether the degree to which we cause climate change is sufficient to warrant the expenditure of billions of dollars restructuring Canada's entire energy infrastructure. ICSC-Canada does not think it does. The quotes extracted in the second to last paragraph of Mr. Elson's March 9th letter are actually derived from the ICSC website, not that of ICSC-Canada.

Most Ottawa residents would agree that evidence of opposition to City of Ottawa's Energy Evolution Plan by some Ottawa residents is more relevant to the issues in this proceeding than the disputed Exhibit KT2.2, a printout from IEA website about home heating appliances that Environmental Defense filed.

Nevertheless, Energy Probe is withdrawing the disputed Exhibit KT2.1 as this matter may be consuming too much time. It is not essential for Energy Probe's argument submissions on the issues in this case.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Energy Probe.

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