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May 4, 2022

Nancy Marconi
Registrar
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street, P.O. Box 2319
Toronto ON
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Dear Ms. Marconi,

**RE: EB-2022-0137 IESO / Smart Metering Entity 2023 to 2027 Meter Charge
Energy Probe Intervenor and Cost Eligibility Request Letter**

Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe) hereby applies for intervenor status and cost eligibility in the EB-2022-0137 proceeding, the application by the Independent Electricity System Operator / Smart Metering Entity for approval of its proposed 2023-2027 Smart Metering Charge Application.

Statement of Interest

Energy Probe is a non-profit environmental and consumer organization which promotes economic efficiency in the use of resources. It will be representing its many individual residential customer supporters. Energy Probe argues for equitable rates that optimize results for all ratepayers by eliminating cross subsidies between ratepayer classes and between generations of ratepayers. It promotes sustainable resource use through individual responsibility and accountability. More information about Energy Probe can be found on the OEB website.

<https://www.oeb.ca/industry/applications-oeb/intervenor-information/annual-filings-frequent-intervenors>

If the proposed Smart Metering Charge is approved residential customer supporters of Energy Probe will ultimately be required to pay for it in electricity distribution rates. Also, Energy Probe was an intervenor in the recent EB-2021-0292 proceeding which dealt with SME application to expand third party access and was party to the Settlement Proposal that was approved by the OEB in its EB-2021-0292 Decision issued March 24, 2022. At page 9 of the Settlement Proposal the parties agreed that *information with respect to actual cost* of the \$145 per hour third party

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access charge *will be made available in a future SME application*, which is this application. Energy Probe, therefore, has a direct interest in this proceeding.

Hearing

Energy Probe hopes that all issues can be resolved by settlement. If a hearing is necessary, it should be in written form.

Costs

Energy Probe is a non-profit organization which relies on individual donations to help protect the public interest. Without the prospect of an award of costs, Energy Probe's ability to participate in proceedings would be very limited. Energy Probe intends to seek a cost award in this proceeding, in accordance with the Board's guidelines regarding cost awards.

Communications

Communications relating to this Intervenor and Cost Eligibility Request Letter and all documents filed with the Board by the applicant and required by Energy Probe, should be directed to its consultant:

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Respectfully submitted on behalf of Energy Probe.

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cc. Patricia Adams (Energy Probe Research Foundation)
Adrian Pye (IESO Smart Metering Entity)

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