

May 5, 2022

Nancy Marconi
Registrar
Ontario Energy Board
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Dear Ms Marconi:

Re: EB-2022-0137 – Smart Metering Entity – Smart Metering Charge – 2023-2027

I am a consultant to the Consumers Council of Canada (“Council”). I have been instructed by my client to intervene in the proceeding to consider the Application to the Ontario Energy Board (“OEB”) by the Independent Electricity System Operator, in its capacity as the Smart Metering Entity (“SME”) for approval of its Smart Metering Charge for the period January 1, 2023-December 31, 2027. The Council is a public-interest entity which represents the interests of residential consumers in Ontario. The Smart Metering Charge is funded through electricity distribution rates which are paid by customers.

On March 25, 2022, 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 assess the SME’s revenue requirement and the resulting Smart Meter Charge;
2. To assess the SME’s other proposals included in the Application;
3. To participate in the various aspects of the proceeding which may include an interrogatory process, a technical conference, a settlement conference and a hearing.

The Council recommends that the Application be considered through a written hearing process.

The Council intends to ask for an order of costs in this proceeding. The Council has participated in many electricity proceedings over a long period of time and specifically, the Council participated in the SME’s previous applications dealing with third party access to data. In all of those proceedings 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: Adrian Pye, IESO