

# Annual Filing of Frequent Intervenor

## Intervenor Name:

Environmental Defence

## Mandate and Objectives:

Environmental Defence is a leading Canadian environmental advocacy organization that works with government, industry and individuals to defend clean water, a safe climate and healthy communities. For over 35 years, Environmental Defence has worked at the municipal, provincial and federal level to safeguard our freshwater, create livable communities, decrease Canadians' exposure to toxic chemicals, end plastic pollution, tackle climate change and build a clean economy. Its vision is a future where everyone in Canada can live and thrive in a healthy environment – protected for generations to come.

## Membership of the Intervenor and Constituency Represented:

Environmental Defence is supported by many thousands of donors across the province and country. It sees its constituency as Canadians who are concerned about the environment and the legacy that we will pass on to our children. With respect to Ontario Energy Board proceedings, Environmental Defence represents both the public interest in environmental protection and the interests of consumers whose energy bills can be reduced through measures that lower both costs and environmental impacts.

## Programs or Activities Carried Out by the Intervenor:

Environmental Defence has been highly successful in its public interest advocacy on energy issues. Environmental Defence's environmental work, on issues ranging from toxic chemicals to clean beaches, has led to concrete improvements in the lives of Canadians. For example, the dangerous chemical Bisphenol A ("BPA") is now banned in baby bottles in Canada due to concerns first raised by Environmental Defence in 2007. For many years, Environmental Defence has participated in the federal government's Chemicals Management Plan.

Environmental Defence is also the coordinator of Blue Flag Canada, which certifies beaches so that Ontario families can enjoy this public resource. It also co-founded Blue Green Canada with the United Steelworkers, which promotes green energy initiatives that have positive employment and economic impacts.

Environmental Defence also publishes reports and guides in the area of energy conservation, energy efficiency, and energy policy. Its reports and guides on these and other topics can be found at <https://environmentaldefence.ca/reports-guides/>.

Environmental Defence has been granted intervenor status, participant status, and costs eligibility in over 60 proceedings before the Ontario Energy Board over the past decade.

## **Governance Structure:**

Environmental Defence is a registered and incorporated charitable organization.

Environmental Defence's counsel in Ontario Energy Board matters is Elson Advocacy. Elson Advocacy primarily reports to and receives instructions from Environmental Defence's Programs Director on a regular basis. In addition, Environmental Defence's Executive Director and Ontario Climate Program Manager are also involved in reporting and instructions for Ontario Energy Board matters.

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