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August 7, 2023

Nancy Marconi Registrar Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street, P.O. Box 2319 Toronto ON, M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Marconi,

# **RE:** EB-2023-0188 Evaluation of Policy on Utility Consolidations Participation request of Energy Probe

Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe) hereby applies for participant status and cost eligibility for the EB-2023-0188 Evaluation of Policy on Utility Consolidations consultation.

## **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.rds.oeb.ca/CMWebDrawer/Record/786117/File/document

Energy Probe has been an intervenor in many OEB proceedings including several MAADs applications. Based on its experience Energy Probe believes that the MAADs Handbook could be improved to deliver greater benefits to Ontario ratepayers and would like an opportunity to discuss its suggestions with OEB staff.

#### 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 consultations would be very limited. Energy Probe intends to seek a cost award for this

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consultation and expects to participate responsibly in accordance with the Board's guidelines regarding cost awards.

#### Communications

Communications relating to this participation and cost eligibility request letter 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) Georgette Vlahos (OEB Staff)

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