August 11, 2023

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

Dear Ms Marconi:

Re: EB-2023-0188 - OEB Consultation – Evaluation of Policy on Utility

I am a consultant to the Consumers Council of Canada ("Council"). I have been instructed by my client to indicate our intent to participate the OEB's Consultation – Evaluation of Policy on Utility Cons. The Council is a public-interest entity which represents the interests of residential consumers in Ontario.

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 this consultation process will be the following:

- 1. To attend the Stakeholder meetings; and
- 2. To participate in any further steps in the process to be communicated at later date.

The Council intends to ask for an order of costs in this consultation process. The Council has participated in many electricity proceedings and consultations over a long period of time. In all of those proceedings and consultation processes 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 consultation process.

Copies of all correspondence related to this proceeding be sent to the following:

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Please let us know if any further information from the Council is required at this time.

Yours truly,

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