
Intervention Form

Case Number:

EB-2023-0195

Intervenor Name:

Energy Probe Research Foundation

Mandate and Objectives:

Refer to the frequent intervenor form.

<https://www.rds.oeb.ca/CMWebDrawer/Record/786117/File/document>

Membership of the Intervenor and Constituency Represented:

Refer to the frequent intervenor form.

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Programs or Activities Carried Out by the Intervenor:

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Governance Structure:

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Frequent Intervenor Form:

OEB Proceedings:

Energy Probe was granted intervenor status in the following proceedings:
EB-2021-0002, EB-2021-0110, EB-2021-0117, EB-2021-0243, EB-2021-0307, EB-2021-0318,
EB-2022-0072, EB-2022-0076, EB-2022-0086, EB-2022-0094, EB-2022-0137, EB-2022-0157,
EB-2022-0200, EB-2023-0055, EB-2023-0072, EB-2023-0092.

Energy Probe was only denied intervenor status in the EB-2023-0062 proceeding.

Issues:

Energy Probe's members and supporters are residential customers of the applicant and will be affected by the proposed rate increases. Energy Probe will seek to examine the reasons for the rate increases including load forecasts, capital expenditures and OM&A costs.

Policy Interests:

Energy Probe is a strong supporter of the OEB's "benefits follow costs" principle. Energy Probe is concerned that some of the programs and expenditures proposed by the Applicant will only benefit certain residential customers while all residential customers will have to pay for them.

Energy Probe believes that incentive regulation should provide incentives for cost savings and productivity improvements by distributors. Energy Probe is concerned that custom incentive regulation proposals by certain distributors such as Toronto Hydro do not provide adequate incentives for cost savings and productivity improvements and that they transfer too much risk to ratepayers.

Hearings:

Energy Probe has no preference for a specific type of hearing.

Evidence:

Energy Probe does not intend to file evidence.

Coordination with Other Intervenors:

Energy Probe intends to co-ordinate with other intervenors to avoid any potential duplication, where several intervenors ask same or similar interrogatories. To avoid duplication, Energy Probe intends to share drafts of interrogatories and submissions with other intervenors.

Cost Awards:

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 OEB proceedings would be very limited. Energy Probe applies for recovery of its reasonably incurred costs in the course of its intervention in this proceeding. Energy Probe's members and supporters are customers of the Applicant and eligible for an award of costs according to section 3.03(a) of the Practice Direction. Energy Probe has participated in many regulatory proceedings in Ontario, including consultations, rate cases, and other processes and hearings, and has been found eligible to be paid its reasonably incurred costs.

Language Preference:

Energy Probe does not intend to participate in the proceeding using the French language.