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# **Intervention Form**

### **Case Number:**

EB-2023-0195

#### **Intervenor Name:**

Environmental Defence

# Mandate and Objectives:

Refer to the Frequent Intervenor Form below.

# Membership of the Intervenor and Constituency Represented:

Refer to the Frequent Intervenor Form below.

# Programs or Activities Carried Out by the Intervenor:

Refer to the Frequent Intervenor Form below.

# **Governance Structure:**

Refer to the Frequent Intervenor Form below.

# **Representatives:**

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# **Other Contacts:**

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#### **Frequent Intervenor Form:**

https://www.rds.oeb.ca/CMWebDrawer/Record/804452/File/document

#### **OEB Proceedings:**

Environmental Defence was granted intervenor status in the following proceedings in the last 24 months (or participant status for consultation processes): EB-2021-0050 – Hydro One Networks Inc. – 2022 Rate Application EB-2021-0110 – Custom IR Application (2023-2027) for Hydro One Networks Inc. Transmission and Distribution EB-2021-0136 – Hydro One Networks Inc. – Richview to Trafalgar Reconductoring Project EB-2021-0147 – Enbridge Gas Inc. – 2022 Rates EB-2021-0148 – Enbridge Gas Inc. – 2022 Rates (Phase 2) – Incremental Capital Module EB-2021-0205 – Enbridge Gas Inc. – Greenstone Pipeline Project EB-2022-0002 – IESO 2022 Revenue Requirement EB-2022-0003 – Toronto Waterfront Relocation Project EB-2022-0011 – Framework for Review of Intervenor Processes and Cost Awards EB-2022-0013 – Alectra Utilities Corporation – 2023 ICM Application EB-2022-0024 – Elexicon Energy Inc. – 2023 Distribution Rate Application EB-2022-0028 – EPCOR Electricity Distribution Ontario Inc. – Application to raise electricity distribution rates EB-2022-0028 – EPCOR Electricity Distribution Ontario Inc. – Application to raise electricity distribution rates EB-2022-0059 – PUC Distribution Inc. – Cost of Service Application EB-2022-0072 – Consultation to Review Annual Update to Five-Year Natural Gas Supply

Plan of Enbridge Gas Inc. EB-2022-0074 – Stakeholder Meeting on Design of an Optional Enhanced Time of Use (TOU) Rate EB-2022-0086 – Enbridge Gas Inc. - Dawn to Corunna Pipeline Project EB-2022-0137 – IESO 2022 – SME EB-2022-0156 - Enbridge Gas Inc. - Selwyn Community Expansion Project EB-2022-0157 – Enbridge Gas Inc. – Panhandle Regional Expansion Project EB-2022-0200 – Enbridge Gas Inc. 2024 to 2028 Rates Application EB-2022-0247 – Enbridge Gas Inc. – Scarborough Subway Expansion – Kennedy Station **Relocation Project** EB-2022-0248 – Enbridge Gas Inc. – Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte First Nation Community **Expansion Project** EB-2022-0249 – Enbridge Gas Inc. – Hidden Valley Community Expansion Project EB-2023-0003 – Engagement on Distributor Resilience, Responsiveness and Cost Efficiency EB-2023-0071 – Electric Vehicle Integration (EVI) EB-2023-2025 – IESO Revenue Requirement Submission (EB-2022-0318) Electric Delivery Rates for Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Report and Invitation to Stakeholder Meeting

Environmental Defence has not been denied intervenor status in an OEB proceeding in the last 24 months.

#### **Issues:**

Environmental Defence wishes to address important issues relating to its mandate, such as:

• Whether Toronto Hydro is taking appropriate steps to cost-effectively reduce distribution system losses;

• Whether Toronto Hydro is taking appropriate steps to reduce distribution infrastructure costs through non-wires alternatives;

• Whether Toronto Hydro is taking appropriate steps to facilitate the implementation of distributed energy resources that can provide benefits to customers and to Ontario's electricity generation, transmission, and distribution systems, including through its responses to connection requests;

• Whether Toronto Hydro is adequately planning for a variety of potential scenarios for the electrification of transportation and space/water heating;

• Whether Toronto Hydro is taking appropriate proactive steps to reduce the impact of electric vehicle expansion on system peak demand;

• Whether the proposed capital and operating budgets are reasonable and appropriate; and

• Other issues relating to the mandate of Environmental Defence to be determined after a more detailed review of the evidence, interrogatory responses, and other materials.

# **Policy Interests:**

Environmental Defence's interest in this proceeding is in promoting 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.

### **Hearings:**

Environmental Defence requests the opportunity to make submissions on whether an oral hearing is appropriate following the receipt of interrogatory responses.

# **Evidence:**

Environmental Defence does not anticipate filing evidence in this proceeding.

# **Coordination with Other Intervenors:**

It is difficult to comment on coordination without knowing which organizations will intervene in this case. However, in other OEB proceedings Environmental Defence strives to coordinate with other intervenors when and as appropriate.

# **Cost Awards:**

Environmental Defence is eligible for a cost award primarily under s. 3.03(b) of the Practice Direction as it primarily represents an interest or policy perspective relevant to the Board's mandate and to the proceeding for which cost award eligibility is sought, namely environmental and climate protection. In addition, with respect to s. 3.03(a) of the practice direction, Environmental Defence also represents the interests of consumers whose energy bills can be reduced through measures that lower both costs and environmental impacts.

# Language Preference:

Environmental Defence does not intend to participate in French.