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# **Intervention Form**

### **Case Number:**

EB-2024-0198

#### **Intervenor Name:**

Pollution Probe

### 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/853004/File/document

### **OEB Proceedings:**

EB-2023-0071 EB-2023-0111 EB-2023-0125 EB-2023-0175 EB-2023-0200 EB-2023-0201 EB-2023-0260 EB-2023-0261 EB-2023-0306 EB-2023-0335 EB-2023-0195 EB-2024-0092 EB-2024-0063 EB-2024-0067 EB-2024-0111 EB-2024-0139 EB-2024-0125 EB-2024-0200 EB-2024-0130 Excluding: EB-2024-0193

#### Issues:

Pollution Probe represents a consumer and policy interest in this Demand Side Management (DSM) proceeding. This proceeding is a result of the EB-2021-0002 OEB Decision which determined that previous Enbridge's DSM plan was not adequate to receive five-year approval and the OEB directed Enbridge to file an enhanced DSM plan for the period commencing in 2026 (the focus of this proceeding). There is no Issue List at this time for this proceeding, but Pollution Probe expects that the OEB will follow a similar approach through a formal oral hearing process. The draft Issue List should include similar elements to the previous proceeding, plus items to address the gaps that the OEB noted in its EB-2021-0002 Decision. There is an expectation that the 2026 DSM programs are developed and delivered in a coordinated and cost-effective manner with all relevant stakeholders (e.g. IESO, municipalities and delivery partners) and an item to consider that aspect should be considered for the Issue List. IRP which included targetted DSM is proposed to be (retrospectively) considered in Phase 3 of the Enbridge Rebasing proceeding. However, any DSM approvals received will also impact what DSM programs can be leveraged (prospectively) to maximize IRP results. Increasing IRP through the new DSM portfolio is an items that could be consider for the Issues List.

#### **Policy Interests:**

As noted above, Pollution Probe represents a consumer and policy interest which includes ensuring that the proposed DSM programs provide maximum savings in a cost-effective and coordinated manner. Pollution Probe also coordinates across multiple stakeholders in Ontario and all levels of government on these policy issue. Pollution Probe also partners with other not-for-profit organizations and stakeholders to engage and coordinate input into the process and intends to do so again for this proceeding. An example is the Clean Air Partnership and Clean Air Council which help impacted municipalities that do not have the resources and ability to participate directly.

#### **Hearings:**

The previous DSM proceeding was an oral hearing which was appropriate given the complexity and significance of issues. It is anticipated that an oral hearing would be the most appropriate approach again. The OEB could make a final determination following the development of the Issues List.

### **Evidence:**

At this time Pollution Probe does not have plans to retain independent expert evidence. However, similar to the previous DSM proceeding Pollution Probe will coordinate with its stakeholders and partners to identify relevant best practice materials. The normal hearing process provides opportunities to file such documents and no special approvals are anticipated at this time.

## **Coordination with Other Intervenors:**

Pollution Probe has been an active and valuable participant in OEB proceedings and will continue to coordinate its activities, where appropriate, with other parties which represent consumer, industry, municipal and environmental interests in Ontario.

### **Cost Awards:**

Pollution Probe respectfully requests your acceptance of this request to participate and confirmation that it will be eligible for its costs.

Pollution Probe is a not-for-profit charitable organization. We receive individual donations as well as funding for consumer and research projects, such as on community energy planning, and regulated utility innovation from a variety of public and private sources. Without the prospect of an award of costs, Pollution Probe's ability to participate in the consultation process would not be possible.

# Language Preference:

English