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Subject: Intervention Form: EB-2024-0198 - Energy Probe Research Foundation

Intervention Form

Case Number:

EB-2024-0198

Intervenor Name:

Energy Probe Research Foundation

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/880331/File/document

OEB Proceedings:

EB-2023-0053 Tillsonburg Hydro, approved June 20, 2024

EB-2023-0055 Wasaga Distribution, approved November 30, 2023

EB-2023-0125 Uniform Transmission Rates, approved November 3, 2023

EB-2023-0195 Toronto Hydro, approved January 15, 2024

EB-2024-0023 Festival Hydro, approved June 12, 2024

EB-2024-0063 Generic Cost of Capital, approved March 20, 2024

EB-2024-0067 Enbridge Gas Supply Plan Update, approved June 11, 2024

EB-2024-0125 Benefit Cost Analysis Framework, approved July 22, 2024

EB-2024-0129 PBR Policy review, approved November 14,2024

EB-2024-0136 OPG Filing Requirements Review, approved March 28, 2024

EB-2024-0193 Enbridge 2022 DSM DVA disposition, denied October 18, 20254

EB-2024-0200 Enbridge St. Laurent, approved August 21, 2024

Issues:

Members and supporters of Energy Probe are residential natural gas customers of Enbridge

Gas Inc. The rates they pay will be impacted by the outcome of this proceeding.

Policy Interests:

Since the start of natural gas Demand Side Management (DSM) in Ontario, the purpose and objectives of DSM have changed greatly. Originally, natural gas was seen as valuable and scarce resource. Gas distribution service was seen as an essential service, greatly valued by its customers. The purpose of DSM was to deliver gas to customers at the lowest cost by delaying system expansion through conservation demand management The political objectives of reducing emissions and paying customers to transition to electricity were superimposed on DSM. They never should have been part of DSM. If governments want gas customers to stop using gas, they should pay for that from tax revenue, not force other gas customers to pay for it. Energy Probe speaks for many Enbridge Gas customers who value their gas service and have no intention of giving it up or paying someone else to give it up. Energy Probe's policy objective in this proceeding is to return DSM to its original purpose and objectives.

Hearings:

Energy Probe does not believe that there is a good reason for having a specific form of hearing.

Evidence:

Energy Probe does not intend to file evidence in the proceeding.

Coordination with Other Intervenors:

Energy Probe intends to coordinate its efforts with intervenors with similar interests by sharing plans for interrogatories, technical conference, and the hearing to avoid duplication.

Cost Awards:

Energy Probe applies for recovery of its reasonably incurred costs during its intervention in this proceeding. 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 limited. Energy Probe's members and supporters are customers of the Applicant and are eligible for an award of costs according to section 3.03(a) of the Practice Directions. Energy Probe has participated in many past natural gas and electricity 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 using the French language.