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# Intervention Form

## Case Number:

EB-2024-0198

## Intervenor Name:

Green Energy Coalition (GEC)

## Mandate and Objectives:

GEC was originally formed in 1989 to facilitate joint participation in the Joint Board's Demand Supply Plan proceeding and was then known as the Coalition of Environmental Groups for a Sustainable Energy Future (CEG).

The coalition was formed to achieve economies of scale in intervention and thereby the alleviation of the burden of intervention on the individual groups and to achieve a corresponding reduction in duplication before the hearing tribunal. This remains the case today.

GEC has participated or intervened in over 100 OEB proceedings, consultations and related committees that touch upon the interests of its member groups in regard to energy use in Ontario.

## Membership of the Intervenor and Constituency Represented:

GEC member groups have over 30,000 supporters residing in Ontario.

## Programs or Activities Carried Out by the Intervenor:

GEC activities include intervention before administrative tribunals and related court proceedings and participation in legislative proceedings and government policy consultations.

## **Governance Structure:**

The Green Energy Coalition is an unincorporated coalition of environmental groups currently comprised of:

- Greenpeace Canada
- The Sierra Club, Ontario Chapter
- The Hamilton 350 Committee (in regard to matters relevant to that geographic area)

GEC's member groups are all non-profit organizations. All are active on environmental and energy policy matters in Ontario.

GEC is governed by a steering committee that includes one member from each member group. Currently the committee is comprised of:

- Keith Stewart for Greenpeace Canada Foundation, and
- Ole Hendrickson for Sierra Club, Ontario
- Don McLean for the Hamilton 350 Committee

The GEC through its steering committee has authorized:

- Ms. Amanda Montgomery to act on its behalf as counsel in Board proceedings and in related consultations and committees and to retain alternative counsel, representatives and experts as required.

## **Representatives:**

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## **Other Contacts:**

## **Frequent Intervenor Form:**

## **OEB Proceedings:**

In the last 12 months, GEC has been granted intervenor status in EB-2022-0200/EB-2024-0111 – Enbridge Gas Rebasing – Phases 1 & 2. GEC has not been denied intervenor status in the past 12 months.

## **Issues:**

GEC has been an active participant in numerous DSM regulatory matters before the OEB. As in past interventions, GEC will explore all aspects of Enbridge's proposals and issues that are relevant to GEC's mandate.

GEC will ensure that it avoids duplication in addressing these issues. See below with respect to intervenor coordination.

## **Policy Interests:**

GEC advocates for enhanced energy efficiency and the reduction of adverse environmental impacts due to the production, transmission, distribution and use of energy. In particular, GEC has played a primary role in DSM and CDM matters before the Board and in opposing supply side expenditures that are environmentally and economically sub-optimal.

## **Hearings:**

GEC requests an oral hearing as the issues warrant one. Holding an oral hearing would be consistent with all past DSM plan hearings.

## **Evidence:**

GEC will seek to provide evidence of a similar nature to that adduced in the previous DSM proceeding. GEC intends to retain the Energy Futures Group to provide that evidence. GEC requests the opportunity to provide full details and costing of this evidence following the issuance of the first procedural order in this proceeding.

## **Coordination with Other Intervenors:**

GEC intends to coordinate its efforts with Environmental Defence, as it has done in other OEB proceedings, such as EB-2022-0200 and EB-2024-0111. Where possible, GEC and Environmental Defence will combine efforts and use one lawyer; however, this may not be always be possible given that they have distinct interests.

This approach is consistent with the OEB's decision in Procedural Order No. 1 in phase 2 of the Enbridge Gas Rebasing proceeding (EB-2024-0111) - <https://www.rds.oeb.ca/CMWebDrawer/Record/850530/File/document>.

In that decision, Enbridge sought an order that the interventions of Environmental Defence and GEC be combined. The OEB ruled as follows: "The OEB is satisfied that GEC and Environmental Defence have distinct interests and therefore does not see a need to require the interventions of GEC and Environmental Defence to be combined."

## **Cost Awards:**

GEC 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.

## **Language Preference:**

GEC does not intend to participate in French