

Ms. Nancy Marconi
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**EB-2025-0060 Distribution System Operator Capabilities
Pollution Probe Participation & Cost Eligibility Request**

Dear Ms. Marconi:

Pollution Probe received the notice for the above noted consultation related to Distribution System Operator Capabilities. Pollution Probe hereby requests participation and that it be eligible for the recovery of reasonably incurred costs for its participation. Pollution Probe represents a direct consumer and policy interest related to the issues outlined in the consultation.

The Minister of Energy and Electrification's 2024 Letter of Direction to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) requested that the OEB "develop and assess local and market opportunities for Distributed Energy Resources (DERs), including through alternative energy business models (e.g., Distribution System Operator capabilities)." The OEB has identified that there is a broad range of views and interests that will need to be considered in this initiative to be successful. Pollution Probe encourages the OEB to catalogue a list of relevant topics early in the consultation to ensure focus and clarity on which issues are in scope and which issues are out of scope. Depending on stakeholder feedback, it could also make sense to break the focus into phases by grouped issues. This approach has been very effective in other OEB initiatives which include a large amount of complex issues (e.g. DER Connections).

Pollution Probe is a frequent participant in OEB consultations and proceedings and a copy of our current Annual Filing can be found on the Board's website at the following location:

<https://www.rds.oeb.ca/CMWebDrawer/Record/879791/File/document>

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, future of natural gas 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.

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

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

Notice

Pollution Probe requests that further communications with respect to this matter be sent to:

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Respectfully submitted on behalf of Pollution Probe.



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