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April 14, 2025

Nancy Marconi Registrar Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street, P.O. Box 2319 Toronto ON, M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Marconi,

RE: EB-2025-0102 Total Cost Benchmarking Update Energy Probe Late Participation and Cost Award Eligibility Request

Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe) hereby applies for late participation and cost award eligibility in the EB-2025-1012 Total Cost Benchmarking Update consultation including the Stakeholder Meeting on April 24, 2025.

In its letter of April 1, 2025, the OEB invited interested parties to apply to participate in the Total Cost Benchmarking Update consultation. Because of other commitments Energy Probe inadvertently missed the April 8 deadline for participation requests. Energy Probe apologizes for its late intervention and hopes that the OEB will accept its apology.

Statement of Interest

Energy Probe is a frequent intervenor in OEB proceedings and a participant in its consultations. Energy Probe was a participant in past OEB consultations that resulted in the development of performance based regulation including total cost benchmarking. Its 2025 annual filing can be found at:

https://www.rds.oeb.ca/CMWebDrawer/Record/880331/File/document

Members and supporters of Energy Probe are customers of Ontario electricity distributors and have an interest in the outcome of the Total Cost Benchmarking Update consultation.

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Cost Award Eligibility

Energy Probe is a non-profit organization which relies on individual donations to help protect the interest of its members and supporters. Without the prospect of an award of costs, Energy Probe's ability to participate in consultations would be limited. Energy Probe intends to seek a cost award for its participation in this consultation. As an organization representing the direct interests of electricity consumers it meets the eligibility criteria set out in the Ontario Energy Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure and its Practice Direction on Cost Awards.

Communications

Communications relating to this participation and cost award eligibility request letter should be directed to its consultant:

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Respectfully submitted on behalf of Energy Probe.

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