

Intervention Form

Case Number:

EB-2024-0115

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

OEB Proceedings:

EB-2023-0053 Tillsonburg Hydro, approved June 20, 2024
EB-2024-0023 Festival Hydro, approved June 12, 2024
EB-2024-0067 Enbridge Gas Supply Plan Update, approved June 11, 2024
EB-2024-0125 Enbridge 2023 ESM and DVA disposition, approved July 22, 2024
EB-2024-0125 Benefit Cost Analysis Framework, approved July 22, 2024
EB-2024-0126 Transmission Connections Review, August 6, 2024
EB-2024-0129 PBR Policy review, approved November 14, 2024
EB-2024-0193 Enbridge 2022 DSM DVA disposition, denied October 18, 2024
EB-2024-0200 Enbridge St. Laurent, approved August 21, 2024
EB-2024-0236 ICM Policy Review, approved September 24, 2024
EB-2024-0198 Enbridge 2026-2030 DSM, approved March 4, 2025
EB-2024-0199 Vulnerability and System Hardening, July 19, 2024

Issues:

Supporters of Energy Probe are customers of Hydro Ottawa. The rates they pay will be impacted by the outcome of this proceeding. Energy Probe will focus on the Distribution System Plan, grid modernization non wires solutions, electrification including DER connections and EV charging and the resulting load forecast from these initiatives.

Policy Interests:

Energy Probe believes in the user pay principle. Costs of investments to enable DER

connections and EV charging stations should be charged to customers who own DERs and EVs, not all customers of Hydro Ottawa. This is a major policy concern of Energy Probe. Another policy concern of Energy Probe are the costs of investments resulting from OEB's Vulnerability and System Hardening (VASH) initiative that are proposed by Hydro Ottawa. This is the first proposal by a distributor for VASH investments and may set a precedent for applications by other distributors. Energy Probe's policy concern is that there are inadequate constraints for VASH investments that may result in overspending.

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.