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Ritchie Murray
Acting Registrar
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street, P.O. Box 2319
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Dear Mr. Murray,

**RE: EB-2025-0156 Consultation on the Regulatory Treatment of Local Electricity
Demand-side Management (Stream 2) Programs
Participation and Cost Eligibility Request of Energy Probe**

In its letter of July 23, 2025, the OEB announced that it was initiating a consultation on the regulatory treatment of electricity demand-side management programs delivered by local distribution companies that provide both local and system wide benefits. The OEB intends to leverage the electricity DSM Stream 2 Report as a starting point to consider the appropriate regulatory treatment of Stream 2 Programs and invited all interested stakeholders to participate in this consultation process.

Participation and Cost Eligibility Request

Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe) is requesting to participate in this consultation process and to be eligible for the recovery of costs for its participation. Energy Probe is a frequent intervenor in OEB proceedings and was a participant in many past OEB consultations. Members and supporters of Energy Probe are customers of Ontario electricity distributors and have an interest in the outcome of this consultation.

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.

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Representation

Energy Probe will be represented by its consultant, Tom Ladanyi. He has more than 50 years of experience in the utilities industry in Ontario and has participated in over 200 OEB proceedings and consultations on behalf of various parties. His contact information is below.

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Respectfully submitted on behalf of Energy Probe.

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