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**EB-2025-0014 - Oshawa PUC Networks Inc. (Oshawa Power) Application for 2026 Distribution Rates**  
**Pollution Probe Comments on Hearing Format**

Dear Mr. Murray:

In accordance with Procedural Order No. 4 for the above-noted proceeding, Pollution Probe recommends a hybrid oral hearing for the unsettled issues. As the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) is aware, a Settlement Proposal for a portion of the issues was filed by participating parties on September 22, 2025. Significant issues remain unsettled that are core to the application and would benefit from this approach. It is common for the OEB to apply a hybrid oral hearing approach in this situation. Pollution Probe supports the following unsettled issues being dealt with directly through written argument, and do not require hearing time:

- 3.2 – PILs
- 5.1 – Cost allocation
- 5.2 – Rate design; Fixed variable splits
- 7.1 – Effective date
- 7.2 – Responding to all relevant OEB directions from previous proceedings

If the OEB approves the Settlement Proposal as filed and enables written argument for the issues noted above, it would enable the hybrid oral hearing to focus on the unsettled issues that require the most focus in the oral hearing. It is also typical for the OEB to request that expert witnesses appear in person unless there is a specific reason which restricts that from occurring (i.e. in certain cases experts from other jurisdictions have appeared virtually). That approach is also appropriate for the oral hearing portion of this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Pollution Probe.



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