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Ritchie Murray
Acting Registrar
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street, P.O. Box 2319
Toronto ON, M4P 1E4

Dear Mr. Murray,

**RE: EB-2025-0060 DSO Capabilities Stakeholder Consultation
Cost Award Eligibility Request of Energy Probe**

This is a late cost award eligibility request of Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe) for participation in the EB-2025-0060 stakeholder consultation on distribution system operator capabilities. Energy Probe apologizes for this late request and hopes that it will be accepted by the OEB.

Energy Probe inadvertently missed the February 11, 2025 deadline for participation and cost eligibility requests for EB-2025-0060 DSO capabilities consultation but became aware of the consultation on May 20th when the OEB announced the June 23rd symposium on DSO capabilities. Energy Probe attended the symposium but did not request cost eligibility because it believed that it was too late to request it. Energy Probe also attended the stakeholder consultation meeting on October 14th. During that meeting it became apparent that the consultation may continue into 2026 and that it would have multiple work streams. Energy Probe is very interested in this consultation would like to continue its participation.

Energy Probe has been a participant in the EB-2019-0207 DER Connections Initiative and the related DER consultations and groups: DER Connections Sub-group, DER Interconnection Considerations Small Group, Capacity Information Map Sub-group, and DER Cost Responsibility Small Group. The DSO capabilities consultation is closely related to these DER consultations since DERs will be managed by the DSO.

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 who are all electricity consumers. Without the prospect of an award of costs, Energy Probe's ability to participate in consultations would be limited. Energy Probe requests that it be allowed 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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Respectfully submitted on behalf of Energy Probe.

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