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SUPPLEMENTAL DECISION ON COST ELIGIBILITY

EB-2025-0060

Distribution System Operator Capabilities – Stakeholder Consultation

**By Delegation Before: Theodore Antonopoulos
Vice President
Major Applications**

January 8, 2026

On May 20, 2025, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued a Decision on Cost Eligibility in respect of the Distribution System Operator Capabilities stakeholder consultation, approving cost eligibility for a number of stakeholders.

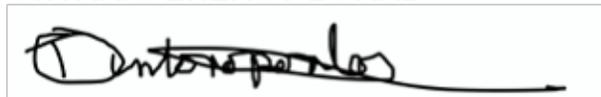
On October 15, 2025, the OEB received a late cost eligibility request from Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe). Energy Probe advised that it missed the February 11, 2025 deadline and became aware of the consultation ahead of the June 23, 2025 symposium. Energy Probe attended the June 23, 2025 symposium and the October 14, 2025 stakeholder meeting and indicated its intention to continue participating in the consultation as it proceeds into 2026 with multiple work streams.

Consistent with the OEB's Practice Direction on Cost Awards, the OEB posted Energy Probe's late request and provided electricity distributors with an opportunity to file objections. No objections were received.

The OEB approves Energy Probe's request for cost eligibility on a **going-forward basis** only. The OEB is satisfied that Energy Probe is a non-profit organization representing the interests of electricity consumers and that it meets the eligibility criteria set out in the Practice Direction on Cost Awards. However, given the timing of the request, cost eligibility shall apply only to Energy Probe's participation in consultation activities occurring after the issuance of this supplemental decision.

DATED at Toronto January 8, 2026

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