
Annual Filing of Frequent Intervenor

Intervenor Name:

Pollution Probe

Mandate and Objectives:

Since 1969, Pollution Probe has been a recognised leader in defining progress through policy development and intervention, research, awareness, education and pressing for practical balanced solutions in a collaborative manner. Pollution Probe continues to be relied upon by consumers/ratepayers, industry, regulators, and governments at all levels for creating balanced and practical solutions to consumer and environmental issues through our evidence-based collaborative approach. Pollution Probe works on behalf of its members, partners and consumers/ratepayers to ensure that environmental, community and consumer/ratepayer issues are considered in balance with economic considerations.

Pollution Probe is a national charitable organization based in Toronto that works productively with governments, industry and the public, with a goal of Clean Air, Clean Water, and a Healthy Planet. We work to achieve that by advancing policy and action that achieve positive, tangible outcomes in favour of consumers/ratepayers, communities and the environment. Pollution Probe represents the public at large on energy, environmental, community/regional planning, public health, transportation and other related issues.

Membership of the Intervenor and Constituency Represented:

Pollution Probe constituents, supporters and partners include consumers/ratepayers, non-profit sector partners and industry across Canada. Pollution Probe also works directly with all levels of government on issues related to the transition in the energy system and shares those

perspectives to support integrated policy development. Pollution Probe has a joint venture with QUEST Canada and works collaboratively with QUEST and other sector partners to achieve the goals and objectives stated above. Pollution Probe often represents or partners with other stakeholders such as the Climate Action Partnership and other Ontario community interest groups to provide an efficient and cost-effective approach.

Programs or Activities Carried Out by the Intervenor:

Pollution Probe has a broad program portfolio and is actively working with stakeholders including energy consumers/ratepayers, communities and policy makers on the transition in the energy system including issues such as regulatory sandboxes, low-carbon innovation, fuel switching, distributed energy resources, energy efficiency, community energy planning, infrastructure planning, transportation and related economic, environmental and health impacts. For example, we continue working on issues related to the effective introduction of EVs in Canada, and have been conducting research on innovation and regulated utilities, and the future of energy in a low carbon energy system. Part of our mandate is to enhance energy systems learning among stakeholders and the public, and to enable well-informed energy dialogues and decisions to help create societal or system benefits. We also run a consumer energy literacy program that engages citizens and communities across Canada on the present and future of our energy system.

Focus Areas:

Electricity – Rates, Natural Gas – Rates, Electricity – Leave to Construct, Natural Gas – Leave to Construct, OEB Consultations - Electricity, OEB Consultations – Natural Gas, OEB Policy Development, MAADs (Mergers, Amalgamations, Acquisitions and Divestitures)

Governance Structure:

Pollution Probe's Director of Energy is the primary contact for issues and instructions for regulatory initiatives and proceedings. The Director of Energy reports to the CEO who is informed and active in meetings and discussions, as appropriate. Additional Pollution Probe staff are included when relevant to the initiative or proceeding (for example, EV enablement). Regular communication ensures clear direction and enhances the ability to share current and valuable information with the OEB. Where appropriate, Pollution Probe staff have attended or participated directly in initiatives or

proceedings

(e.g. OEB Policy Day, hearings, policy initiatives, OEB meetings, etc.). The frequency of coordination

aligns with the frequency, complexity and timelines of regulatory activities where Pollution Probe

participates. As noted, the Director of Energy works with its consultant and across Pollution Probe staff

to ensure that appropriate information and direction for OEB initiatives and hearings remain coordinated effectively in order to meet the timelines defined by the OEB.

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