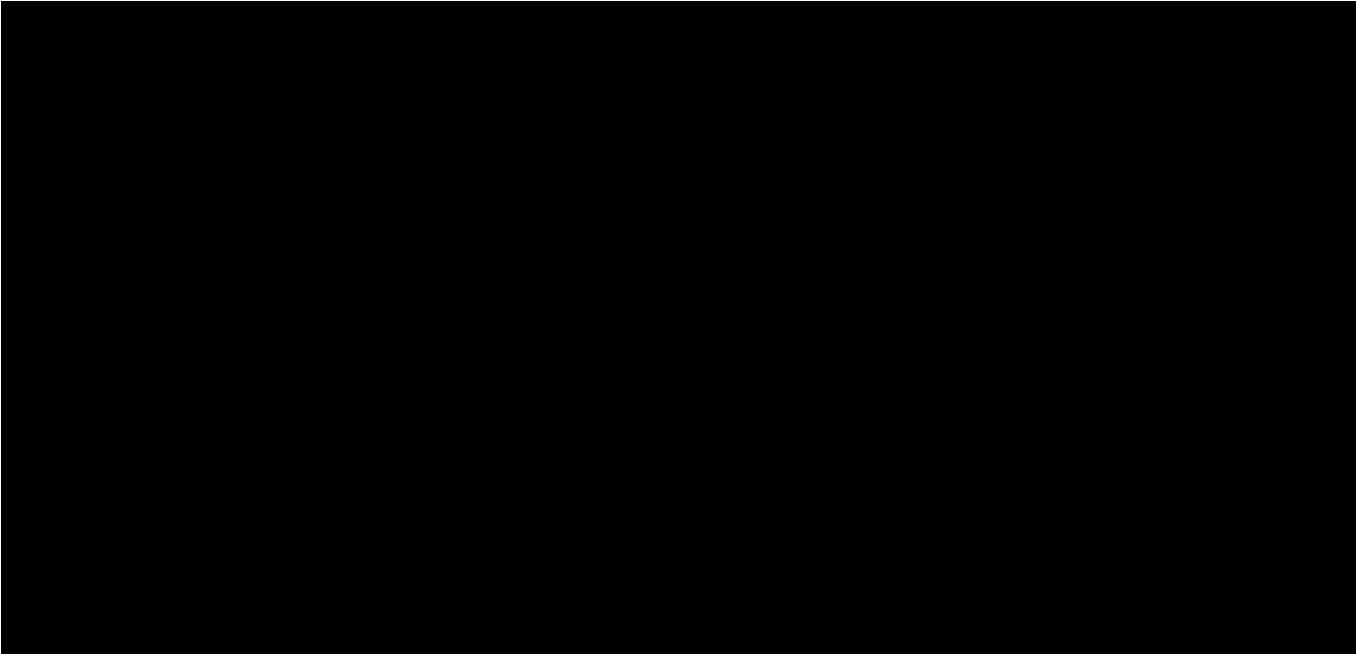




Intervention Form

Case Number:

EB-2026-0142

Requesting information on behalf:

Of an organization

Intervenor Name:

Vulnerable Energy Consumer Coalition

Mandate and Objectives:

The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) is an unincorporated coalition of two major Ontario organizations. VECC was formed in 1999 with the intent of representing the interests of residential consumers in matters of energy regulation and policy where those consumers, by reason of age, income, tenure or place of residence, language, literacy, or other infirmity may experience greater hardship than other residential consumers as a result of increased rates or policies that place demands on customers. These same consumers may have difficulty, or lack the resources to ensure that their voice is heard by regulators and policy makers deciding upon energy issues. VECC has intervened in hundreds of OEB hearings since the date of its formation in 1999, and shares in the credit for the efficacy of the intervenor participation process in affecting decisions that have advanced the public interest and resulted in reductions in utility demands and just and reasonable rates.

Membership of the Intervenor and Constituency Represented:

The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) is an unincorporated coalition of two major Ontario organizations, the Ontario Society of Senior Citizens' Organizations and the Federation of Metro Tenants' Associations, facilitated by the assistance of a national non-profit corporation and registered charity, the Public Interest Advocacy Centre.

Programs or Activities Carried Out by the Intervenor:

PIAC is not a member organization of the VECC coalition, but facilitates the work of VECC, largely by ensuring that representation and research support is available to VECC, and by assuming administrative responsibilities associated with filings and other Board requirements. Because PIAC is not a law firm, it cannot provide legal services. Legal services to VECC are provided by counsel who are not employees/agents for PIAC, but recommended by PIAC for VECC retainer as a result of their regulatory experience with energy issues and regulation.

Governance Structure:

VECC representation is mainly provided by counsel and consultants retained by VECC through the facilitation of PIAC. PIAC is only the facilitator and administrator in the arrangement. As well, in any VECC intervention, counsel instructions are the province of

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Frequent Intervenor Form:

Add all individuals listed on our Frequent Intervenor Form as contacts for this proceeding:

N/A

Names and email addresses of individuals to be added as contacts for this proceeding:

N/A

OEB Proceedings:

Item Description	Category	Status
EB-2025-0252	Electricity – Rates	Granted
EB-2024-0115	Electricity – Rates	Granted
EB-2024-0065	Natural Gas – Rates	Granted
EB-2024-0064	Natural Gas – Rates	Granted
EB-2024-0044	Electricity – Rates	Granted
EB-2024-0209	Electricity – Rates	Granted
EB-2025-0297	Electricity – Rates	Granted
EB-2024-0312	Electricity – Rates	Granted
EB-2024-0008	Electricity – Rates	Granted
EB-2024-0014	Electricity – Rates	Granted

Issues:

VECC's members are customers of the Applicant and will be materially affected. The IESO is seeking to recover in the 2027 test year a base revenue requirement in 2026 of \$328.8 million rising to \$364 million in 2028. This is compared to an approved revenue requirement in 2025 of \$229.7 million. This includes a request to increase the IESO's OM&A spending by more than 24% from the last Board approved. The IESO has also historically spent more in OM&A than approved by the Board for the purpose of fee setting (Exhibit D/Tab 1). VECC is a former approved intervenor in Fee Applications of the IESO including the most recent for the 2023 to 2025 period EB-2022-0318.

Policy Interests:

“In the cover letter to this application, the IESO has requested a streamlined process for the OEB’s review and determination of this application. The IESO has asked that the OEB adopt the IESO’s proposed issues list; establish an OEB staff-led interrogatory process; and close the record after the interrogatory process (there would be no argument before the OEB deliberates and issues its decision). The OEB has not yet made a determination on the process for this proceeding.” “The OEB invites anyone intending to intervene in this proceeding to comment, in their requests for intervenor status, on the draft issues list and any additional matters that they believe may assist in the simplification of the proceeding, or contribute to the just and most expeditious disposition of the proceeding.” VECC objects to this process and will submit the details of its objections by way of separate letter.

Hearings:

Until interrogatories and other discovery is complete, we believe it is premature to decide upon either a written or oral hearing is best.

Evidence:

VECC does not intend to file evidence in this proceeding.

Coordination with Other Intervenors:

VECC will coordinate with other intervenors with similar interests, where appropriate, to promote responsible participation in the proceeding.

Cost Awards:

VECC applies for recovery of its costs reasonably incurred in the course of its intervention in this matter. VECC’s members are customers of the Applicant and eligible for an award of costs pursuant to section 3.03(a) of the Practice Direction. VECC has participated in many proceedings before the Board and has been found to be eligible for recovery of its reasonably incurred costs.

Language Preference:

English