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

Dear Mr. Murray,

**RE: EB-2025-0204: Phase II Distribution Customer Connections Review
Customer Connections Advisory Group - Request to Participate of Energy Probe**

In its letter of June 9, 2026, the OEB announced that it was forming the Customer Connections Advisory Group and invited interested parties to nominate representatives. It noted that OEB that members of the 2025 DCC Working Group may still have an interest in participating and are welcome to register to continue their involvement. initiating a review of distribution customer connections. Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe) was a member of the 2025 DCC Working Group and is interested in continuing its involvement.

Energy Probe requesting to register for the review and is nominating its consultant, Tom Ladanyi, to the Customer Connections Advisory Group. He is a retired Professional Engineer with more than 50 years of experience in the utilities industry in Ontario and has participated in over 200 OEB proceedings and consultations as a witness, a case manager or a consultant.

Statement of Interest

Energy Probe is a frequent intervenor in OEB proceedings and a participant in its consultations. Energy Probe was a participant in many past OEB consultations. Members and supporters of Energy Probe are customers of Ontario electricity distributors and have an interest in the outcome of this stakeholder engagement.

Energy Probe has been a participant in the EB-2025-0204 Distribution Customer Connections Working Group, EB-2024-0126 Transmission Connections Review and the EB-2019-0207 DER Connections Initiative where it was represented by the undersigned.

Energy Probe's perspectives on Distribution Connection Issues

Energy Probe's members and supporters expect it to argue for equitable rates that optimize results across all ratepayer classes, by eliminating cross subsidies among the various ratepayer classes. Energy Probe believes in the user pay principle where costs follow benefits. Customers connecting to the distribution system should pay the full cost of connection including any incremental upstream costs.

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Energy Probe believes that there should be no preference for connections of certain customers because of their claimed higher moral purpose or perceived greater economic benefits than other customers. Neither should other customers be required to subsidize them.

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. Without the prospect of an award of costs, Energy Probe's ability to participate in consultations would be limited. Energy Probe intends 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.

Communications

Communications relating to this participation and cost award eligibility request letter should be directed to its consultant:

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Respectfully submitted on behalf of Energy Probe.

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