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Intervention Form

Case Number:

EB-2026-0054

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 VECC, not PIAC.

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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-2025-0064	Natural Gas – Rates	Granted
EB-2025-0014	Electricity – Rates	Granted
EB-2025-0209	Electricity – Rates	Granted
EB-2025-0297	Electricity – Rates	Granted
EB-2025-0312	Electricity – Rates	Granted
EB-2026-0069	Electricity – Rates	Granted
EB-2026-0029	Electricity – Rates	Granted

Issues:

VECC's members are customers of the Applicant and will be materially affected. LUI is seeking to recover in the 2027 test year a base revenue requirement that is over 52% higher than when the Board last approved cost of service rates in 2022. This includes an increase in operating expenses of nearly 47% since that last approved in 2022. LUI also significantly overspent is prior reviewed DSP forecast capital plan and is proposing a capital plan that is twice as large as that approved in the last cost of service application. VECC is a former approved intervenor in the previous cost of service application of LUI EB-2021-0039.

Policy Interests:

N/A

Hearings:

Until interrogatories and other discovery is complete, we believe it is premature to decide upon either a written or oral hearing. We do recommend the inclusion of a process to allow the parties to attempt to settle the issues and present any settlement to the Board.

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