

September 5, 2017

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street
P.O. Box 2319
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Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: EB-2017-0069 – Application by Oshawa PUC Networks Inc. – 2018-2019 Rates

I am a consultant to the Consumers Council of Canada (“Council”). I have been instructed by my client to intervene in the proceeding to consider the Application to the Ontario Energy Board (“OEB” or “Board”) by Oshawa PUC Networks Inc. (“Oshawa”) for electricity distribution rates effective January 1, 2018. The Council is a public-interest entity which represents the interests of residential consumers in Ontario. The Board’s order in this proceeding will ultimately impact the rates that residential consumers pay for the delivery of electricity.

On October 17, 2016, the Council filed with the Board, pursuant to Rule 22.03 of the Ontario Energy Board’s Rules and Practices and Procedure, a document describing the Council, its mandate and objectives, membership, the constituency represented, and the types of activities the Council carries out. In addition, we provided a list of the individuals authorized to represent the Council in Board proceedings.

The nature and scope of the Council’s intended participation in the proceeding will be to assess the reasonableness of Oshawa’s application and the resulting rate proposals. The Council is also interested in ensuring that the proposals are consistent with the OEB’s Decision in EB-2015-0101. The Council intends to participate in all of stages in this proceeding which may include an interrogatory process, a technical conference, a settlement conference and a hearing.

The Council intends to ask for an order of costs in this proceeding. The Council has participated in many electricity rate applications over a long period of time. In all of those proceedings the Council has been recognized as being eligible for an award of costs. In the absence of an award of costs the Council would be unable to participate in this proceeding.

Copies of all correspondence related to this proceeding and hard copies of the Applicant’s evidence should be sent to:

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Please let us know if any further information from the Council is required at this time.

Yours truly,

Julie E. Girvan

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