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**EB-2020-0133 Consultation on the Deferral Account
Pollution Probe Comment on Board Staff Proposal**

Dear Ms. Long:

On December 16, 2020 the OEB issued a letter detailing next steps for its Consultation on Deferral Account – Impacts Arising from the COVID-19 Emergency. Pollution Probe has reviewed the materials published and attended the January 14, 2021 webinar related to the OEB Staff Proposal and LEI reports. The presentations and response to questions were helpful and efficient as a step prior to written submissions.

Pollution Probe agrees in general with the draft approach proposed by Board Staff. In addition, many utilities have undertaken mitigation actions to manage costs and reprioritize work. Some utilities have also delayed capital projects directly or indirectly due to COVID impacts. Pollution Probe commends utilities that have taken action to mitigate and redistribute costs. For utilities that are not able to operate within their OEB approved budgets, it will be important that they can demonstrate the actions taken to manage those costs internally.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Pollution Probe.



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