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Dear Ms. Walli,

RE: EB-2010-0377, EB-2010-0378, EB-2010-0379: Cost Eligibility

I write to the Board as a ratepayer in respect to the request by the following for “cost eligibility” as noted in the OEB posting of January 12, 2011:

Ontario Sustainable Energy Association (OSEA)

I wish to object to the above being granted “cost eligibility”!

My objections are based on the following:

1. The filing for intervenor status and cost eligibility were filed late as the Board required all parties to submit their request for Cost Award Eligibility by January 7, 2011.
2. OSEA claims the following in the Willms & Shier letter under # 4. on Page 3 of their letter; “OSEA does not have funds of its own to allocate towards its meaningful participation in this matter.”

In my previous correspondence in respect to “cost eligibility” with various parties I was provided with the March 31, 2009 Financial Statements for OSEA which indicated clearly that OSEA during the 12 months ended March 31, 2009 had the wherewithal to provide a “Grant to Community Power Fund” for \$3,038,314.00 which D. Doncaster founded in 2007. Ms. Doncaster was formerly with OSEA. Moving money from one not-for-profit to another not-for-profit should not be the criteria to qualify a party for “cost eligibility”. To top that off Ms. Doncaster was presented with the 2009 Green Toronto Award for market transformation at the OSEA Conference.

3. Under # 1. in the “Request for Cost Eligibility” section the following statement is made; “Further, OSEA's membership includes thousands of individual ratepayers.” Under the “Request for Intervenor Status” the first reason given by Willms & Shier for being permitted to intervene is as follows; “1. It is a province-wide, non-profit organization representing more than 150 members centered etc” In a prior submission by this firm they indicated OSEA had a membership of 1500. Their # 1. under the “Request for Intervenor Status” section and their # 1. under their “Request for Cost Award Eligibility” seems at odds by “thousands” of members. An organization that regularly obtains funding from various publicly owned, taxpayer and ratepayer supported institutions should have a

better handle on the number of members that they actually have. They also claim in #4. of the “Request for Intervenor Status” section that the “75 organizational members also represent thousands of individual ratepayers.” They cannot claim they represent “thousands of individual ratepayers” through *association* with other organizational members.

4. They also claim under the “Request for Intervenor Status” per their # 4. that they only have 6 generators amongst their organization members. APPrO, CanWEA and CanSIA are OSEA members and their members are principally generators. If one applies the same logic as expressed in the opening sentence of this Willms & Shier request, they should be claiming OSEA represents over 600 individual generators rather than the 6 they claim.

I will also take this opportunity to point the Board to my letter of June 14, 2010 in respect to the matter of “cost eligibility” sought by OSEA in respect to the Board's File Number EB-2010-0059. My views as expressed therein still are valid and I still stand behind them.

Along those lines I suggest you read my article of November 3, 2010 which appeared in the Financial Post. You will find it here:

<http://opinion.financialpost.com/2010/11/03/ontarios-power-trip-following-the-green/>

OSEA's influence on the Ministry of Energy policy matters continue with OSEA's appointment to the MicroFIT Advisory Panel as they successfully lobbied; by letter to the Minister of Energy and video of Mr. Kopperson. Evidence of that can be found here:

(<http://www.ontario-sea.org/Page.asp?PageID=122&ContentID=2599?>)

The OEB should respect the capacity of ratepayers/taxpayers to continue to absorb costs from not-for-profits that are driven by beliefs that the world should change to reflect only their views and that the ratepayers and taxpayers of this province should willingly pay for those changes. Millions of seniors throughout this province are impacted by each and every dollar that their hydro bill increases and the OEB must ensure their needs are considered.

The OEB should therefore reject OSEA`s request for cost eligibility.

Respectively yours,

A. Parker Gallant

A large black rectangular redaction box covers the signature area, obscuring the name and any handwritten notes or dates.

NB: Please redact my personal information (address, phone, etc.) when you post this to your website.