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Attachments: OEB re CEEA cost eligibility.odt

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Sent: January 18, 2011 8:44 PM To: BoardSec Subject: EB-2010-0377, EB-2010-0378, EB-2010-0379 Cost Eligibility CEEA

Ms. Walli: Attached herewith in OpenText format and **below** in text format is my letter of objection to the granting of cost eligibility to the captioned. I will mail three copies of this letter tomorrow by regular post.

Yours truly,

NB: Kindly ensure my personal information is redacted.

Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319 2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor Toronto ON M4P 1E4 Attention: Board Secretary Tel: 1-877-632-2727 ((toll free) Fax: 416-440-7656 E-mail: Boardsec@oeb.gov.on.ca

January 18, 2011

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 17, 2011:

Canadian Energy Efficiency Alliance (CEEA)

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. CEEA claims it is the leading *non-government* energy efficiency advocate in Canada, yet its members are drawn principally from the public sector with many from the Ontario public sector including Hydro One, Ontario Power Generation, Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc, Milton Hydro, Horizon Utilities and Toronto Hydro Electric System. That is not what I or other taxpayers and ratepayers consider *non-government!*
- 3. Bruce Lourie, a Director of the Ontario Power Authority claims in his bio for his book "*Slow Death by Rubber Duck"*, that he was the founding Executive Director of CEEA. He is also the founder of Energuality Corporation whose representative sits on the Board of CEEA as Board Treasurer and via another of his entities Summerhill Group (formerly Clean Air Foundation) benefits from his relationship by claiming the OPA, Ontario Realty Corporation and Toronto Hydro as clients.
- 4. CEEA is registered on the Ontario Lobbyist registry and in their application indicate that they will or did receive \$2.8 Million in grants from the Ministry of Finance. They have the wherewithal to pay their costs having already received considerable funds

from the taxpayers and additionally from ratepayers of members named in # 2. above.

- 5. I note that Marion Fraser of Fraser & Company is named it the letter from Fogler, Rubinoff LLP as a party to whom further communications should be sent to. I would point out that Ms. Fraser is also named in the OSEA application.
- 6. With Hydro One, OPG, and perhaps some of the others named above in # 2, participating in these matters before the Board there is ample opportunity for CEEA to get their views heard through the above named publicly owned institutions that support them with ratepayer funds. Alternatively they can get the information from Mr. Lourie via his Directorship on the OPA Board.

CEEA's influence on Energy matters has been significant due presumably to the ability of Mr Lourie to be the founder of so many organizations, including CEEA that are driven by his particular ideology. The fact that he also sits on the OPA and Trillium Boards would attest to his success at tapping into the various government institutions. That allows his entities to successfully lobby for their views with taxpayer funds and influence the energy policy in Ontario and elsewhere. His efforts, via the Ivey Foundation at getting the GEA passed while serving as a Board member of both of the two aforementioned Crown Corporations is testament to his influence.

CEEA's influence in these matters is directly related to their views of how our energy policy should work and their influence has millions of seniors throughout this province now feeling that impact by creating a province where many will or are becoming energy poor!

The OEB should reject CEEA's request for cost eligibility based on the reasons herein.

Respectively yours,

A. Parker Gallant



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