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Ms. Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board

EB-2011-0054

Dear Ms Walli,

In response to the July 28, 2011 letter of Hydro Ottawa Limited, please note that:

1. EnviroCentre currently represents 4,283 local consumers as well as hundreds of small businesses and institutions that have invested in energy efficiency measures in Ottawa. Their concerns have been poorly represented by intervenors based far outside of the region and those who argue against energy efficiency programs.
2. EnviroCentre is a non-profit organization that has directly represented the interests of consumers in Ottawa since 1999. Most intervenors also provide other services but that does not disqualify them from being awarded costs.
3. EnviroCentre has a longstanding reputation for representing not just primarily but exclusively a public interest – not a private or ideological interest – with respect to energy matters in Ontario, focusing on Ottawa and Eastern Ontario.
4. Hydro Ottawa correctly notes that EnviroCentre was denied costs in two hearings but does not acknowledge that EnviroCentre was twice awarded costs by the Board. Hydro Ottawa is also unaware that EnviroCentre has recently signed up 4,283 supporters and appears not to appreciate that the Board is under increasing pressure to allow other voices to be heard in order to ensure its regulation of rates in an “effective, fair and transparent manner”.

For these reasons, EnviroCentre urges the Board to reject the arguments of Hydro Ottawa and award costs to EnviroCentre so that it can represent the public interests of its supporters in Ottawa and Eastern Ontario.

Yours truly,



Dr. Dana Silk  
General Manager

cc: EB-2011-0054 Intervenors and Applicant