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Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board  
2300 Yonge Street  
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17 February 2012

Dear Ms Walli:

Re: EB-2011-0054

This is the response of Ecology Ottawa to Hydro Ottawa's letter of February 9, 2012, objecting to Ecology Ottawa's cost claim for the abovementioned proceeding.

Ecology Ottawa followed the proceedings closely and would have intervened had the issues it addressed during the Technical Conference been the subject of further discussion. By not participating in the Settlement Conference or the Oral Hearing, Ecology Ottawa was minimizing the costs to the Applicant and believed that was not only consistent with Board Practice but would have been appreciated by the Applicant.

Ecology Ottawa was "ready notably to help the Board" but did not commit to any objectives other than that. It believes that an examination of the record will show that its contributions during the Technical Conference were indeed helpful as they brought a fresh perspective on some issues that appear not to have been raised over the last 20 years, as one of the Applicant's own witnesses noted.

As per Board Practice, the CV of its representative, Dr Dana Silk, was attached to the cost claim submitted to the Applicant but the latter's server rejected the attachment as it was too large. Dr Silk re-sent Ecology Ottawa's basic cost claim to the Applicant and advised the Applicant that the CV had been duly submitted to the Board.

Ecology Ottawa maintains that it acted in good faith, provided valuable contributions to both the Board and the Applicant, and thus respectfully submits that its modest cost claim be accepted.

Yours truly,

Graham Saul  
Chair, Steering Committee