

March 3, 2025

To: All parties in the EB-2024-0111 Proceeding

Out of an abundance of caution and with respect for the integrity of the OEB's hearing process, I am recusing myself from further participation in EB-2024-0111. I will not participate further in this matter.

I made a comment during a break in the oral hearing in December to an intervenor representative regarding evidence in a prior proceeding related to heat pumps. The comment made could give rise to a question about my impartiality. I can advise that no other member of the panel was present and that I did not share my comment about heat pumps with any other member of the panel.

While I believe that I remain impartial, I am taking this action recognizing the need to ensure that hearing participants reasonably perceive that they are receiving a fair hearing.

Yours truly,

Anthony Zlahtic Commissioner