

BY EMAIL

July 21, 2025

To: Parties to EB-2025-0051

Re: Burlington Hydro Inc. - Cost of Service Application

The OEB is in receipt of the above-noted application made by Burlington Hydro Inc.

Commissioner Damien A. Côté has been assigned to the panel for this proceeding. Mr. Mark Rubenstein of Shepherd Rubenstein Professional Corporation is representing the School Energy Coalition, an intervenor in this proceeding.

Commissioner Côté has known Mr. Rubenstein socially for approximately twenty years, as part of a broader group of university friends. Their interactions have always occurred within a larger social context and have never involved discussions related to specific adjudicative proceedings before the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) prior to or since Commissioner Côté's appointment as Chief Commissioner on April 1, 2025.

The OEB has not identified any policy or regulation that would disqualify Commissioner Côté from serving on the panel for this proceeding. However, in the interest of transparency and maintaining the integrity of the adjudicative process, the OEB invites any party with concerns regarding Commissioner Côté's participation to submit a written objection to the Registrar no later than Thursday, July 31, 2025, at 4:45 p.m.

Yours truly,

Ritchie Murray
Acting Registrar