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**EB-2024-0115 Hydro Ottawa 2026-2030 Custom Rate Application  
Letter Pertaining to OEB Staff Evidence Request**

Dear Mr. Murray:

This letter represents coordinated input on behalf of Pollution Probe and CAFES Ottawa which are in receipt of the OEB Staff letter dated September 29, 2025 notifying the OEB that OEB Staff would like the opportunity to retain a third-party expert and present evidence in this proceeding. We are also in receipt of a response letter from Hydro Ottawa dated October 1, 2025 opposing the right and appropriateness of allowing OEB Staff to provide third party evidence in this proceeding. We believe it is appropriate and in alignment with normal OEB practice for a proceeding such as this to allow parties the opportunity to retain third party expert and file third party expert evidence.

This proceeding is in the early stages with only two procedural orders being issued to-date. The focus in the proceeding so far has been on the initial discovery process through interrogatories and a technical conference. Those phases are meant to inform participating stakeholders and the OEB to identify information gaps and other issues not appropriately covered by Hydro Ottawa.

The OEB has not yet set a process or timeline in this proceeding to solicit parties interested in retaining third party experts or filed related evidence. Therefore, no procedural deadlines have been missed. It appears that the OEB Staff letter was an early indication of its interest in advance of the OEB formally setting a procedural process and timeline for that activity in this proceeding. We have assumed that OEB Staff would provide additional details once the procedural order is issued.

We also encourage OEB Staff to coordinate with all parties in the proceeding as they advance the specifics of the third-party expert to maximize opportunities for collaboration and reduce duplication.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on this process and please contact the undersigned should you have any questions.



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