

BY EMAIL

February 5, 2026

To: **Parties to EB-2025-0297**

Re: **Ontario Power Generation Inc. and DNNP LP
Application for payment amounts for the period from January 1, 2027 to
December 31, 2031 (EB-2025-0297)**

The OEB is in receipt of the above-noted application made by Ontario Power Generation Inc. and DNNP LP.

Commissioner Damien A. Côté has been assigned to the panel for this proceeding. One of the intervenors in this proceeding is the School Energy Coalition, represented by legal counsel Mr. Mark Rubenstein of Shepherd Rubenstein Professional Corporation.

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 matters prior or since Commissioner Côté's appointment as Chief Commissioner at the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) 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 maintaining the integrity of the adjudicative process and avoiding any perception of bias, the OEB invites any party with concerns regarding Commissioner Côté's participation to submit a written objection to the Registrar no later than Friday, February 13, 2026, at 4:45 p.m.

Yours truly,

Ritchie Murray
Acting Registrar

