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To all participants in RP-2004-0188

Re: Funding for Stakeholder Participation

The Board has received a late request for funding in the above noted matter from the Canadian Energy Efficiency Alliance (the "Alliance"). The Alliance describes itself as consisting of 50 members, including "utilities, environmental groups, consumer groups, energy service providers and manufacturers." The Alliance's application goes on to say that it represents the interests of its members through "receiving guidance from the Executive Committee of its Board of Directors".

The Board will require better information from the Alliance as to why it should be eligible for funding. Specifically, some of the interests represented by its members (environmental groups, consumer groups and manufacturers (to the extent that they are customers)) have already been found to be eligible for Board funding in this process. Other interests it represents (utilities and energy service providers) have traditionally not been eligible for Board funding. It is therefore unclear as to why an alliance of eligible and ineligible interests should be entitled to funding, especially when the eligible interests have already been awarded funding.

The Board is therefore not prepared to make funding available for the Alliance unless and until it provides more detail and a cogent position for its eligibility by reference to the interests it represents.

Yours truly

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