

Re: Affordability Fund - Advisory Committee - Membership

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Thanks. I think it would be good to have people like Giulliana and Francesca has Trustees. The Committee could be more senior people like Ferio and Rob Mace for example.

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On Mar 18, 2017, at 8:51 AM, Sermat-Harding, Kaili (ENERGY) <Kaili.Sermat-Harding@ontario.ca> wrote:

FYI I am arranging a call with staff this morning to discuss further. Nothing in the draft declaration precludes. But Blakes has pointed out that optics may be poor. I'll follow up afterwards.

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On Mar 17, 2017, at 7:52 PM, Imbrogno, Serge (ENERGY) <Serge.Imbrogno@ontario.ca> wrote:

Hi Kaili. Does this mean members of the Advisory Committee cannot serve as Trustees? If so, I'm not sure we want to exclude Giuliana and Francesca as Trustees?

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On Mar 17, 2017, at 6:18 PM, Sermat-Harding, Kaili (ENERGY) <Kaili.Sermat-Harding@ontario.ca> wrote:

Hi Deputy,

Further to our conversation after SMC yesterday, the Affordability Fund Advisory Committee will need to be finalized early next week so that names can be included in the executable Declaration of Trust. The concept of the Committee was proposed by Blakes in the feedback we received from them yesterday on the draft Declaration. The Committee provides for a process to establish the Trustees in a non-controlled manner.

The specific purpose of the Committee, as set out in the draft Declaration, is to make recommendations to the original Trustee (Computershare) regarding the appointments of replacement Trustees (five voting members and one non-voting member).

As stated in the draft Declaration, the Advisory Committee shall identify Trustees of the Affordability Fund Trust who collectively satisfy the following criteria: a) demonstrate an understanding of the electricity sector including the electricity distribution sector; and b) have expertise in conservation and low income programs. The draft Declaration also notes that three of the Trustees will be representatives from separate electricity distributors, and two Trustees will be representatives from separate social services agencies. The draft Declaration also provides for the appointment of one Trustee who is a government representative. This Trustee would be non-voting. (We added this to the draft for now as we think it could be an efficient way for the province to be informed of the Trust's progress.)

Computershare is expected to accept the recommendations of the Advisory Committee with regard to Trustee selection; therefore, Advisory Committee members should possess the relevant knowledge and experience necessary in order to identify and evaluate suitable replacement Trustees based on the selection criteria described above. Once the replacement Trustees are accepted, the Committee will be considered to have completed its duty, and will cease to exist.

Our recommendations below for Advisory Committee members include LDC and social service agency representation. Our recommendations also consider that members consolidated with the Province's books cannot represent a majority. We think the OEB would be well positioned to make recommendations on Trustees representative of social service agencies.

Proposed Committee member organizations:

Thunder Bay Hydro

Hydro One (consolidated with government)

OEB (consolidated with government)

United Way of Bruce Grey

Hydro Ottawa

Note that we invited Hydro One to provide us with any suggestions they may have for the Committee. We have not heard back yet.

Once we finalize a list of recommended Committee members, there will need to be some prompt outreach to determine interest and availability. To expedite the process, it may be best for outreach to be done at the CEO level.

Sorry for the lengthy email. Happy to answer any questions you may have.

Thanks.

Kaili

Entity	Name	Title	Email	Experience
Thunder Bay Hydro - Largest utility representing Northern Ontario - Leader and central organizer in northwest utility collaboration on many customer services - Joint CDM plan with Atikokan Hydro Inc., Fort Frances Power Corporation, Kenora Hydro Electric Corporation Ltd., and Sioux Lookout Hydro Inc. - Good penetration of customers through HAP - Customers both on-reserve and off-reserve - Active on provincial CDM groups (IESO TOU Study, APS WG, BMG WG, CFIC, OFHP WG) - Achieved 265% of 2015 HAP target	Recommendation: Tim Wilson	VP, Customer & Information Services Division	twilson@tbhydro.on.ca	- CFIC Member - Proactive
	Alternative: Andy Armitage	Manager, Customer Service and Billing	aarmitage@tbhydro.on.ca	- Proactive - Expertise in Data
Hydro One - Proposed Fund and early engagement in implementation - Geographically representative, including mix of urban and rural - Highest number of electrically-heated customers; largest First Nations customer base - Many years delivering low-income programs (prior to HAP)	Recommendation: Giuliana Rossini	Director, Strategic and Conservation	g.rossini@hydroone.com	- CFIC Member - Strong background in conservation programs (rural electrification)
	Alternative: George Katsuras	Manager, Conservation & Demand Management	g.katsuras@hydroone.com	- Proactive - Excellent in conservation - Expertise in demand management
OEB - Designed and implemented both the LEAP and OESP - Ensures assistance for low-income energy customers is offered on a consistent basis across the province	Recommendation: Brian Hewson	Vice President Consumer Protection & Industry Performance	Brian.Hewson@ontarioenergyboard.ca	- VP with extensive experience in low income programs
United Way of Bruce Grey - Non-profit with a direct role in providing intake services to income qualifying individuals for support programs, such as LEAP and OESP	Recommendation: Francesca Dobbyn	Executive Director,	execdir@unitedwaybg.com	- Excellent in providing service programs regionally and provincially
Hydro Ottawa - Engaged in initial discussions on concept of the Affordability Fund - Represents large LDC with urban customer base - Delivering HAP - Consistently active in provincial CDM groups - Achieved over 400% of 2015 HAP target	Recommendation: Roger Marsh	Acting Chief Customer Officer	RogerMarsh@hydroottawa.com	- CFIC Member
	Alternative: Bruce Bibby	Manager, Energy Conservation	brucebibby@hydroottawa.com	- Proactive - Early engagement in conservation - Excellent in conservation

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