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Mr. Stuart Smith
4173 Afton Court
Burlington, Ontario

Dear Sir:

Re: Hydro Consumers Association
Re: Ontario Hydro - Eastern Ontario Plan Stage
Re: Consolidated Hearings Act, 1981
Re: Hearing No. CH-81-01

Please find attached a copy of the Association's application for funding with respect to the above noted matter.

Meaningful public participation in this decision making process requires that public funds be made available to redress the dramatic disparity between the resources of large and well-financed public corporations on the one hand and public interest groups such as the Hydro Consumers Association on the other.

We have reproduced, on page 9 of this application, the recommendation of the Royal Commission on electrical power planning (the Porter Commission) to show that government funding is a necessary precondition to effective public participation and energy and environmental hearings. In view of the absence of articulated government policies in this regard, we are enclosing the attached application for your information and comment.

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Would you please advise as to the position of your party
in this regard.

On behalf of the Steering Committee
of the Hydro Consumers Association,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ken Smith".

Ken Smith
Michael Nault
Wendy Laut
Jim King
Paul Neelands
Steven Shrybman