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Bill #404
Energy Reform (2024) Act

CHANGES RECOMMENDED TO THE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE ON BILLS

PAGE 20, Clause 96, line 2 - delete "Section" and substitute "Sections".

PAGE 20, Clause 96 - add immediately after proposed Section 94 the following Section:

95 (1) Where the Governor in Council directs a Board or a Board on its own motion decides, the Board shall appoint a person to act as a sustainability advocate in a hearing before the Board.

(2) A sustainability advocate appointed pursuant to subsection (1)

(a) shall participate in all aspects of the hearing before the Board and advocate for sustainability, environmental responsibility and long-term economic well-being as a full intervenor with power to enter into settlement agreements with other parties; and

(b) has all the powers and authorities necessary to carry out the duties of a sustainability advocate pursuant to this Section.

(3) The Board may fix fees and expenses of a sustainability advocate in performing the functions and duties of a sustainability advocate pursuant to this Section.

(4) The fees and expenses referred to in subsection (3)

(a) must be paid to the Board by the applicant or applicants in such proportion as determined by the Board; and

(b) may include the cost of retaining experts and legal counsel to provide the sustainability advocate with advice, including testimony, on technical and legal matters.

(5) The Board may make rules respecting practice and procedure, scope of work, fees and expenses and other matters respecting a sustainability advocate appointed pursuant to subsection (1), and may establish a process for the sustainability advocate to obtain input from environmental groups when the Board deems it appropriate.

(6) The Governor in Council may make regulations respecting the qualifications and experience of a sustainability advocate.

RENUMBER AND ADJUST CROSS-REFERENCES ACCORDINGLY.