



The Public Interest and Role of Interveners in Energy Regulation in New Brunswick

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How the EUB works from an intervener perspective

- The primary object of energy regulation is the public interest.
- Board decisions are based on the evidence on the record in the proceeding.
- The intervener's role is to help the Board, not the other way around.
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- Well informed means understanding the matter, reviewing the evidence and becoming familiar with the hearing process.
- Responsible engagement means thoughtful participation that is relevant, probative, non-duplicative and respectful.



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Why do we need a Public Intervener if we have other interveners?

- Provides the public interest framework
- Tests applicant's case without self-interest
- Provides continuity



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How do we ensure that the Public Intervener acts in the public interest?

- Statutory obligations
- Substantive independence
- Statutory prohibitions against:
 - Customer class or stakeholder representation
 - Settlement



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Thank you!