



## **RULING ON APPLICATION BY DEMOCRACY WATCH FOR STANDING AS A PARTY OR INTERVENOR RESPECTING PART II (POLICY REVIEW)**

### **INTRODUCTION**

[1] I have before me an application by Democracy Watch for full standing as a party or for intervenor status to Part II (Policy Review) of this Inquiry.

[2] Mr. Duff Conacher appeared as the representative of Democracy Watch at the oral hearing on January 22, 2009. In the application filed on behalf of Democracy Watch, the organization is described as "...an organization that strives to represent, and has represented since 1993, the interests of citizens in government policy-making processes."

[3] The application filed goes on to portray Democracy Watch as "...the leading research and advocacy organization in Canada since 1993 on issues concerning, and enforcement of, Canada's federal ethics rules..."

### **ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION**

[4] In arriving at my conclusion, I have considered and applied the guiding principles I set forth in my ruling, issued contemporaneously with this ruling, on the application of Arthur Jefford and Jefford Industries Limited.

[5] Having read the application filed by Democracy Watch, especially those portions cited earlier in this ruling, and having heard the submissions of Mr.

Conacher, I am satisfied that Democracy Watch is directly and substantially affected by the mandate of Part II (Policy Review) of this Inquiry.

[6] I have also concluded that Democracy Watch is also well-suited to provide this Commission with a particular perspective or expertise on the issue of ethical policies relative to the holders of public office in Canada, which will be of benefit to the Commission.

[7] Full standing as a party with respect to Part II (Policy Review) is therefore granted to Democracy Watch.

Signed at Ottawa, Ontario, this \_\_\_\_ day of February, 2009.

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Jeffrey James Oliphant  
Commissioner