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In terms of standing, I am prepared to grant standing to the following: Mayor Hazel McCallion, Peter McCallion, OMERS, 156 Square One Limited, Enersource and the City of Mississauga. I'll speak to the other three applicants momentarily.

As to the matter of funding, what I would like to see happen is for counsel who are seeking funding to prepare and submit a detailed funding proposal, including rates, including proposed preparation and attendance time, to Commission Counsel within a week of today's date.

It may be that counsel for the City will be able to agree to some or all of what is being proposed, but I will leave that to counsel for the City, Commission Counsel and others to formulate. In the absence of any

agreement, then I will formulate my recommendation to the City with respect to the matter of funding as quickly as possible.

As to the three (3) individuals who spoke to us this morning, standing at this stage will not be granted. However, I am instructing Commission Counsel to meet with each of the three (3) applicants, Mr. Sookraj, Mr. Abdelmessih, and Ms. Bennett, and then have our investigators interview each of you with a view to determining how you may be of assistance to me in carrying out my responsibilities as Commissioner.

It may be that at some later date, depending on how matters develop, I will reconsider the issue of the request for partial standing, but at the present time what I'm most interested in receiving from each of you is information, either in the form of statements or in the form of documentary evidence that will be of assistance to my conduct of this Inquiry.

Unless there's anything else, I thank you all for participating this morning. And, as I indicated in my earlier remarks, it is my hope that we can commence this Inquiry no later than March 1st and if we can do it at an earlier date, we will make every effort to do so.

I want you all to understand, those of you who may wonder why it will take that long, it's important at the front end of any inquiry to do your homework and get everything ready for the evidentiary portion of the Inquiry. So we have, as Mr. McDowell has indicated, engaged investigators who will be interviewing witnesses, compiling documents, working with all counsel who've been granted standing, with a view to collecting the information that will be necessary for us to proceed with dispatch once we start the evidentiary portion of this Inquiry. It's my hope that, having done all of that preliminary spade work, that we'll be able to carry on with this Inquiry in a way that will not waste time, that will not involve a lot of investigation during the course of the Inquiry,

and that we can get right to the evidence and right to the heart of the matters at issue in a precise and expeditious way.

So I look forward to seeing you all again and thank you very much.