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Senator Back asked:

Referring to the Regulations: 3L Determining a fit and proper person, (1)e and 2(e) require the Regulator to take into account the membership status of the applicant with the Clean Energy Council – The Clean Energy Council is given as a specific example in Regulation 3L (3). The Chairman of the Clean Energy Council is Mr Miles George, who is con-currently the managing director of Infigen Energy (formerly Babcock and Brown), a company whose subsidiaries own a number of both accredited power stations and power stations that may be applying for accreditation. Other members of the board of the Clean Energy Council are also executive officers of companies whose subsidiaries own a number of accredited power stations and power stations that may be applying for accreditation.

What steps does the CER propose to resolve this conflict of interest?

Answer:

The Clean Energy Regulator does not believe the information in the question gives rise to a conflict of interest.

Any person with allegations that scheme participants are not fit and proper should provide such allegations and supporting evidence to Clean Energy Regulator.