

VIA E-MAIL

January 8, 2016

Ontario Energy Board
Attn: Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary
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RE: EB-2015-0237 Natural Gas Market Review – Consultation and Stakeholder Conference

REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION & DETERMINATION OF COST AWARD ELIGIBILITY

We are writing on behalf of the Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario (“FRPO”) in regard to the Board’s letter of November 25th in the referenced proceeding . We are encouraged that the Board continues its initiatives designed to create understanding of the evolving North American market, the effects faced Ontario natural gas distributors and implications for Board policy and process.

FRPO is Ontario’s leading advocate for quality rental housing, representing over 800 private owners and managers who supply over 350,000 rental suites across the province. Our members strongly believe that the rental-housing sector is best served by a competitive marketplace that offers choice and affordability in the provision of energy services. As a not-for-profit organization, FRPO does not have other funding sources to ensure experienced representation to participate in and assist the Board in these regulatory proceedings. FRPO has previously assisted the Board in other matters including the preceding Natural Gas Market Review and has been awarded costs by the Board. **We apologize for the timing of this request but FRPO would respectfully request a determination of eligibility for cost award in this proceeding.**

SCOPE OF PROCEEDING

The Board’s letter of November 25th outlined the Board’s desire to examine ongoing developments and related issues in the North American market and the resulting impacts on Ontario including regulatory implications. We believe that this examination can assist the Board’s understanding of drivers which are impacting the Ontario market. FRPO was provided the opportunity to present its views on these market evolutions and their impact on Distributor Gas Supply Planning at the December 3rd consultation (EB-2015-0238). While these market evolutions impact the topics outlined by the Board’s letter and other stakeholders’ feedback on the Forum Agenda, we trust that we and others would be able to draw upon that content in our written submissions after the conference. As such, in respect of the Board’s time, we are **not** requesting the opportunity to do a similar presentation but will look forward to engaging in the exchange of ideas at the conference.

REPRESENTATION

FRPO asks that further communications with respect to this matter be sent to the following:

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Thank you for your consideration of this request

Respectfully Submitted on Behalf of FRPO,



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