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Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
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Dear Ms. Walli:

**RE: Ontario Energy Board File Number EB-2013-0301
Review of Framework Governing the Participation of Intervenors in Board Proceedings –
Consultation and Stakeholder Conference**

**Ontario Association of Physical Plant Administrators (OAPPA) – Intent to Participate and
Request for Cost Eligibility**

This letter is in response to the Board's August 22, 2013 letter concerning the above-noted consultation and stakeholder conference. The Ontario Association of Physical Plant Administrators has requested that Aegent Energy Advisors Inc. submit this letter on the association's behalf indicating OAPPA's intention to participate in this process and to request that OAPPA be determined eligible for an award of costs.

OAPPA is a not-for-profit organization whose membership includes physical plant administrators for Ontario universities. The main objective of OAPPA is to promote cooperation among physical plant administrators of the provincially-assisted universities on matters including planning, construction, and operations and maintenance of facilities. Its work on regulatory matters is one of a number of activities undertaken by OAPPA.

For a number of years, OAPPA has participated regularly in certain proceedings before the Board through its Energy Committee and with representation by Aegent Energy Advisors. Its participation has focused primarily (although not solely) on the rate proceedings of Enbridge Gas Distribution and Union Gas. The majority of the universities are customers of either Enbridge or Union and therefore, the utility rate proceedings have been, and will continue to be, of significant interest given the impact of the outcomes on the operations of the universities' facilities. For this reason, OAPPA is interested in participating in this review.

OAPPA seeks a determination that it is eligible for an award of costs. With respect to the cost eligibility criteria set out in section 3.03 of the Ontario Energy Board's Practice Direction on Cost Awards, in particular criterion (a), OAPPA represents the direct interests of certain ratepayers in relation to regulated services. Please note that in past proceedings, OAPPA has been determined to be eligible for cost awards.

OAPPA will be assisted in this consultation by Aegent and so requests that all correspondence and documents be directed to:

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Should you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to contact me.

Yours truly,

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