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Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street
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Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Attention: Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Stakeholder Status and Cost Eligibility Request for Low-Income Energy Network
Board File No. EB-2013-0301 - Review of Framework Governing the Participation
of Intervenors in Board Proceedings**

We are counsel for the Low-Income Energy Network (LIEN). LIEN requests stakeholder status in the above-mentioned proceeding and seeks eligibility for a cost award.

LOW-INCOME ENERGY NETWORK

LIEN represents 90 member groups across Ontario. As a network representing the intersection of interests related to low-income consumers and energy and sustainability, LIEN's focus is on reducing the energy bills of all low-income consumers and providing low-income consumers the opportunity to better manage their energy bills. This helps to ensure that all low-income consumers across Ontario have access to conservation programs, technologies and services as well as conservation education, and realize the environmental, energy and economic benefits associated with the more efficient use of energy.

NATURE AND SCOPE OF INTERVENTION

Low-income consumers will or may be affected by this proceeding. This proceeding will affect what parties, and/or in what circumstances parties, may be eligible to intervene in future proceedings. LIEN provides a voice to low-income consumers and will ensure that this group continues to be represented in proceedings before the Board. LIEN plays a crucial role in acting in the public interest and adding value to proceedings.

LIEN intends to prepare and file written submissions, attend and present at the Stakeholder Conference, and participate in the second phase of this proceeding as directed by the Board.

COSTS

LIEN requests that the Board find it eligible for costs under section 3.03 (a) of the Board's Practice Direction on Cost Awards. LIEN "primarily represents the direct interests of residential consumers in relation to regulated services." LIEN has been accepted as a party eligible for an award of costs in many other proceedings before the Board.

As a not-for-profit organization, LIEN's participation in this proceeding is dependent on any cost awards it receives. LIEN intends to coordinate its efforts with other stakeholders to avoid duplication where possible. LIEN has retained Judy Simon + Associates to provide consulting advice to LIEN in this proceeding. Judy Simon is an expert on energy policy and conservation in Ontario and has been retained for expert advice in many proceedings by LIEN, and other clients, related to these issues.

We request that counsel (Ms. Julie Abouchar and Mr. Matt Gardner) and Ms. Judy Simon, consultant to LIEN, be listed on the intervenors' list under LIEN, since this makes the later distribution of updates more effective.

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