



March 22, 2016

Ms. Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board  
P.O. Box 2319, 27th Floor  
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Re: OEB Consultation: Regulatory Framework for Natural Gas Distributors' Cap & Trade Compliance Plans  
Board File No. EB-2015-0363

Dear Ms. Walli:

I am writing pursuant to the Board's letter dated March 10, 2016 regarding the above proceeding to request participation status and eligibility for a cost award.

AMPCO's is a not-for-profit consumer interest advocacy organization. AMPCO's members represent Ontario's major industries: forestry, chemical, mining and minerals, steel, petroleum products, cement, automotive and manufacturing and business consumers in general.

AMPCO members are major investors, major employers and a major part of communities in which we operate, across Ontario. AMPCO and its member companies are well known to the Board. AMPCO participates in many proceedings, working groups, consultations and initiatives of the Ontario Energy Board in which matters relevant to Ontario's large consumers are being addressed.

AMPCO's interest in the Board's regulation of energy issues relates generally to the interests of consumers with respect to price, adequacy, reliability and quality of electricity and gas services, and, more particularly, to how costs are allocated to, and rates are designed to recover costs from, industrial customers.

AMPCO and its members have been actively engaged in the consultation activities concerning the Cap and Trade program since initial concepts were first announced last year. AMPCO's efforts have been focused on reviewing and analyzing potential impacts on rates for large industrial customers as a result of the Cap and Trade program. Ontario's industry is competing globally and any increases to rates impacts Ontario's ability to compete, which could result in a shift of operations to other markets.

AMPCO is interested in the Board's establishment of a regulatory framework to assess the cost consequences of natural gas distributor Compliance Plans and the mechanism for recovery of these costs in rates and believes it can contribute to the identification of issues and options relevant to the proceeding.

We respectfully request that the Board please confirm AMPCO's eligibility for an award of costs in this matter. AMPCO has been granted intervenor cost awards in other OEB proceedings.

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AMPCO plans to prepare written comments on the Board Staff Discussion Paper. AMPCO plans to work in consultation with other participants, particularly with the Ontario Mining Association. AMPCO submits costs for separate expert submissions should be provided for in this consultation as additional professional expertise will contribute to a better outcome of the consultation.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or require further information.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Adam White', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Adam White  
President  
Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario