

VIA E-MAIL

May 31, 2019

Ontario Energy Board
Attn: Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary
P.O. Box 2319
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Toronto ON M4P 1E4

RE: EB-2019-0003 – POST 2020 Natural Gas DSM Framework – FRPO REQUEST

REQUEST & SUPPORT

We are writing on behalf of the Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario (FRPO) with respect to the Board's letter of May 21st announcing its consultation to consider the next generation Natural Gas DSM Framework. FRPO has contributed to the Board's deliberations on DSM matters in the past and would respectfully request inclusion in the consultation.

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 and has been awarded costs by the Board. Therefore FRPO would respectfully request a determination of eligibility for cost award in this proceeding.

ISSUES

The aforementioned Board letter lays out the issues to be discussed in this consultation. With the limited time available, we respect that the consideration of these issues must remain at a high level. At the same time, we respectfully submit that consideration must be given to issues such as framework efficacy (e.g., results vs. expected outcomes, incentives), cost allocation, coordination with electricity and, of course, the merger of the two legacy utilities. We respect that the Board must start at a high level and we are appreciative of the guiding questions included in The OEB's Approach contained in the letter.

REPRESENTATION

If the intervention requested is granted, then 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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