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Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street, Suite 2700, PO Box 2319
Toronto, Ontario M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: EB-2019-0003 – Post-2020 Natural Gas Demand Side Management Framework

On behalf of Housing Services Corporation, I am writing to request intervenor status and cost eligibility for the above referenced consultation.

Details Regarding Housing Services Corporation

A. Mandate and Objectives of Housing Services Corporation

HSC was established in 2002 under Ontario's *Social Housing Reform Act* to operate programs in natural gas purchasing, insurance and capital investments for social housing providers.

Since then, HSC has evolved its service offerings and role in the sector. Today, we help protect Ontario's \$40 billion housing asset with hands-on services that help social housing operators improve building efficiency and reduce utility costs; protect them from liability and support effective risk management; and help maximize capital dollars via effective asset and data management.

B. Membership and Constituency

HSC represents the direct interests of Ontario's social housing building operators, including municipal public housing, non-profit and co-operative housing providers, and tenants residing in their buildings, in relation to its provincially mandated services.

HSC is not government funded or membership based. We are an independent non-profit that operates on a fee-for-service model, reinvesting revenues from our core programs to fund activities that build sector capacity and lead to positive outcomes.

HSC requests that the Board find us eligible for costs under section 3.03 (a) of the Board's Practice Direction on Cost Awards.

C. Types of Programs and Activities HSC Carries Out

HSC is mandated to deliver a natural gas bulk procurement program to all municipal public housing organizations in Ontario. The program offers a range of purchasing options based on their risk tolerance to market volatility. Clients of the gas program (along with other non-profit and cooperative housing providers) also have access to services that reduce their overall utility demand, including energy benchmarking and resident engagement programs, education and assistance on utility incentives programs, and project management services.

Due to HSC's unique position in the sector and the building and utility data we maintain, HSC regularly represents sector interests in engagements on CDM/DSM, commodity prices and rates, and provincial energy policy. We have also participated as a member of the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) Conservation First Framework Mid-term Review Advisory Group, representing low-income and social housing electricity consumers.

Proposed Participation of HSC in Proceeding

HSC seeks to participate in all aspects of this proceeding because:

- The direction of DSM activities arising from this consultation will impact social housing operators and its low-income residents in terms of delivery rates, DSM program costs, and potentially DSM program offerings.
- It is a continuation of HSC's consultation with Union Gas and Enbridge Gas Distribution as their 2015-2020 DSM Plans were developed.

Requests for Evidence and Addresses of Representative

Housing Services Corporation requests that electronic copies of the pre-filed materials and all other documents in the proceeding be delivered to the following representative:

Electronic copies to:
Myfanwy Parry
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30 Duncan Street, Suite 500
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We also request that the above individual be listed on the intervenors' list under Housing Services Corporation.

Address of Housing Services Corporation

Housing Services Corporation's full name and address is:
Housing Services Corporation
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Please send correspondence and any other materials to Myfanwy Parry as the authorized representative.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if anything further is required.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'MP.' with a flourish.

Myfanwy Parry
Manager, Energy Services