

May 22, 2020

**VIA RESS**

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Dear Ms. Long:

**Re: EB-2020-0133 – Consultation on the Deferral Account – Impacts Arising from the COVID-19 Emergency.**

**Industrial Gas Users Association (IGUA) Interest in Participating.**

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We write as legal counsel to IGUA, and in response to the Board's May 14<sup>th</sup> notice to interested parties regarding the captioned consultation, to express IGUA's interest in participating.

**Description of IGUA**

IGUA is an association of industrial companies located in the Canadian provinces of Ontario and Québec, who use natural gas in their industrial operations. IGUA was first organized in 1973 and it provides a coordinated and effective public policy and regulatory voice for those industrial firms depending on natural gas as a fuel or feedstock. IGUA has become the recognized voice representing the industrial user of natural gas before regulatory boards and governments at both the provincial and national levels.

The Association's activities are guided by a 15 member Board of Directors, constituted to assure that each industrial sector and geographic region is represented. The Board of Directors has regularly scheduled meetings at least six times each year. A full time President and other staff are based in a permanent office in Ottawa.

Through regulatory intervention, government advocacy, marketing, promotion, partnerships, education and outreach, IGUA successfully represents industrial gas users. Our mission is to be the voice of our members within the natural gas industry through intervention, advocacy, and partnerships.

### **Nature and Scope of IGUA's Intended Participation**

IGUA intends to actively participate in this consultation with a focus in particular on the balancing of risks and impacts as between regulated utilities and their customers.

### **Intention to Seek an Award of Costs**

IGUA also hereby requests that it be determined eligible for recovery of its reasonably incurred costs of its participation herein, within the Board's cost award guidelines for the consultation process.

As a party primarily representing the direct interests of industrial consumers (i.e. ratepayers) in relation to regulated services, IGUA has in the past been determined to be eligible for cost awards pursuant to section 3.03(a) of the Board's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

### **Request for Copies of Materials and Contact Information**

IGUA requests that copies of written evidence and all circulated correspondence related to these matters be directed to it as follows:

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Yours truly,



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