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

Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: EB-2009-0166 – Notice of Intervention and Request for Cost Eligibility Determination for the London Property Management Association – Union Gas Limited 2010 Natural Gas Demand Side Management Plan

This letter is in response to the Board's June 25, 2009 Notice of Application and Written Hearing for Union Gas Limited's 2010 Natural Gas Demand Side Management Plan (EB-2009-0166). Two paper copies have been provided to the Board and an electronic version has been filed through the Board's web portal at <u>www.errr.oeb.gov.on.ca</u>.

Statement of Interest

The London Property Management Association ("LPMA") is a non-profit organization whose overall goal is to help property managers and those who own/operate residential income properties in the City of London and surrounding communities. The LPMA offers information and assistance to its members to help them deal with the legislation, rules and regulations that affect their business.

LPMA is made up of approximately 350 members ranging from single unit owners to managers and owners of in excess of 2,000 units. The membership consists of a representative cross section of the rental property owners in the London area. In total, the LPMA members own or manage more than 35,000 rental units in the London area.

LPMA members receive regulated natural gas service from Union Gas. LPMA wishes to participate in this process because the outcome of this consultation may have an impact on the LPMA members that receive regulated services from Union. The Board's decision in this proceeding may have an effect on the rates paid for regulated services taken by the LPMA members.

Cost Eligibility

LPMA is requesting that the Board determine that the LPMA is eligible for a cost award for all activities related to this proceeding.

LPMA submits that it is eligible to apply for a cost award based on section 3.03 (a) of the Practice Direction on Cost Awards. In particular, LPMA "primarily represents the direct interests of consumers (e.g. ratepayers) in relation to regulated services". The Board has found the LPMA to be eligible for cost awards in numerous natural gas and electricity proceedings before the Board.

As a non-profit organization, LPMA does not have access to any other funding sources. LPMA relies on the cost awards it receives from the Board to effectively participate in, and assist the Board, in these regulatory proceedings.

Communications

All communications related to this process should be directed to:

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Sincerely,

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