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VIA MAIL and E-MAIL

Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
P.O. Box 2319
2300 Yonge St.
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Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)

Notice of Interest in Participating in Consultation Process EB-2010-0199

2010 Natural Gas Market Review

Please find enclosed the Notice of Interest in Participating of the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") in the above-noted proceeding.

Yours truly,

Michael Buonaguro
Counsel for VECC
Encl.

cc: Lisa Brickenden, Ontario Energy Board

Chris Ripley, Union Gas Limited
Norm Ryckman, Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.
Bob Cowan, Natural Resource Gas Limited

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF a proceeding initiated by the Ontario Energy Board to review and examine recent developments in North American natural gas supply markets to consider any potential implications for the Ontario natural gas market.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO PARTICIPATE
OF
VULNERABLE ENERGY CONSUMERS COALITION (“VECC”)

To: Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

And to: Lisa Brickenden

1. The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) hereby expresses its intention to participate in the above-mentioned proceeding. VECC consists of the following organizations:
 - (a) The Federation of Metro Tenants Association
 - (b) The Ontario Coalition of Senior Citizens’ Organizations (OCSCO)

2. The Federation of the Metro Tenants Association is a non-profit corporation composed of over ninety-two affiliated tenants associations, individual tenants, housing organizations, and members of non-profit housing co-ops. In addition to encouraging the organization of tenants and the promotion of decent and affordable housing, the Federation provides general information, advice, and assistance to tenants. The address is:

500-27 Carlton Street
Toronto, ON
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3. The Ontario Coalition of Senior Citizens' Organizations (OCSCO) is a coalition of over 120 senior groups as well as individual members across Ontario. OCSCO represents the concerns of over 500,000 senior citizens through its group and individual members. OCSCO's mission is to improve the quality of life for Ontario's seniors. OCSCO's address is:

660 Briar Hill Avenue, Suite 207
Toronto, ON
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4. The name and address of the agent authorized to receive documents on behalf of VECC is:

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5. VECC requests that all correspondence and documentation also be copied to VECC's consultant:

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6. VECC requests that copies of the Application and any additional supporting materials be forwarded to each of the two parties named above.
7. VECC actively participated in major Board policy initiatives such as the Natural Gas Forum and the Natural Gas Electricity Interface Review proceedings initiated by the Board.
8. As a representative of ratepayers, VECC has also actively participated in rates and other applications made by Union Gas Limited, Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc., and Natural Resource Gas Limited over the last ten years.
9. VECC has also actively participated in (i) DSM consultatives, (ii) other initiatives such as the Storage and Transportation Access Rule, and (iii) the current Low Income Energy Assistance Program.

10. VECC notes that the OEB Announcement Letter of July 13, 2010, states:
“A *specific objective* of this initiative is to determine the need for regulatory changes, if necessary, in response to potential impacts identified.”

11. VECC’s concerns lie with the effects on ratepayers of changing dynamics in North American natural gas supply markets and the potential impacts on ratepayers of any regulatory changes that may be made by the OEB pursuant to this proceeding.

12. VECC will be requesting an award of costs for its participation in this proceeding and believes that, as a coalition representing the direct interests of consumers, it meets the eligibility criteria set out in the Ontario Energy Board’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (Section 41) and its’ Practice Direction on Cost Awards (Section 3.03).

DATED AT TORONTO, THIS 21st DAY OF JULY, 2010

Michael Buonaguro
Counsel for VECC
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