

VIA E-MAIL& COURIER to the BOARD

February 13, 2013

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

**RE: RENEWED REGULATORY FRAMEWORK EB-2010-0377&9, EB-2011-0004&43**

**REQUEST**

I am writing on behalf of the Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario ("FRPO") in regard to the continuing work with the Renewed Regulatory Framework ("RRFE"). Specifically, we are writing to request cost award eligibility in these proceedings.

We recognize that our submission is very late. In reading the Supplemental Decision on Cost Eligibility for these proceedings dated February 11, 2013, we realized that we were under the same mistaken assumption as the Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters ("CME"). At the time of the release of the RRFE report containing the limitation on eligibility, we were focused on gas matters and it was our oversight.

FRPO was also accorded cost award eligibility in the five proceedings that were under the RRFE consultations and collaborated with CME and others in sponsoring an expert to inform the previous process.. We also believe that no party would be prejudiced by the granting of late cost award eligibility. We do, however, apologize to the Board and the utilities for the inconvenience caused by the timing of this request.

**SUPPORT FOR COST AWARD ELIGIBILITY**

FRPO is Ontario's leading advocate for quality rental housing, representing over 800 private owners and managers who supply over 300,000 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 these proceedings.

We have reviewed the statements regarding cost awards generally that appear at the end of the Board's January 8, 2013 Decision on Cost Eligibility and will heed the Board's direction.

## ISSUE

As the voice of the owners and managers of residential rental properties in Ontario, FRPO believes it's membership is an important stakeholder in the energy market. FRPO represents the direct interest of its members who are impacted by changes to the regulated rates of the electric utilities. The on-going work of the RRFE will have significant impact on the business and ultimately the ratemaking of the utilities.

## 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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