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Ontario Energy Board

Attn: Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary
P.O. Box 2319

27<sup>th</sup> Floor, 2300 Yonge Street

Toronto ON M4P 1E4

RE: EB-2012-0433 UNION GAS - PARKWAY WEST PROJECT

### **REQUEST & SUPPORT**

I am writing on behalf of the Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario (FRPO) in regard to the Notice of Application . The Application requests approval of the Leave to Construct for the GTA Project under Sections 36, 90 and 91of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998. The project and associated rate impacts have effect on the members of the FRPO.

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 this proceeding.

We apologize for the timing of this request but were only made aware of this application as a result of a parallel Union Gas process today.

#### **ISSUE**

Through previous processes with the Board and intervenors, Union has presented its concerns over the need for additional compression in the area of the existing Parkway station. We support prudent investment by a utility in ensuring economic and secure delivery of natural gas to its customers including our members. However, given the evidence presented in EB-2011-0210, we are concerned that the Parkway West project may not have been developed with the interests of ratepayers as paramount. The Board has also communicated the need for the utilities to work with TransCanada pipelines (TCPL) in these matters. While there is some evidence of communication in the evidence, we would like to understand how the impacts of this project and Enbridge's GTA reinforcement project were evaluated in light changing flow dynamics in Ontario and North America.

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FRPO has participated in recent Union applications and desires to assist the Board in reviewing the application in light of the rate impacts that would be generated by the project . FRPO represents the direct interest of its members who are impacted by changes to the regulated rates of Union and, in this matter, Enbridge. Therefore, FRPO would respectfully reserve its right to be involved in all aspects of the review of the Leave to Construct Application.

#### **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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