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Ontario Energy Board
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Attention: Ms Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Intervenor Status and Cost Eligibility Request for Low-Income Energy
Network
Board File No. EB-2013-0099 - Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. Open Bill
Access**

We are counsel for the Low-Income Energy Network (LIEN). LIEN requests intervenor status in the above-mentioned proceeding and seeks eligibility for a cost award.

LOW-INCOME ENERGY NETWORK

LIEN represents 90 member groups across Ontario. As a network representing the intersection of interests related to low-income consumers and energy and sustainability, LIEN's focus is on reducing the energy bills of all low-income consumers and providing low-income consumers the opportunity to better manage their energy bills. This helps to ensure that all low-income consumers across Ontario have access to conservation programs, technologies and services as well as conservation education, and realize the environmental, energy and economic benefits associated with the more efficient use of energy.



NATURE AND SCOPE OF INTERVENTION

Low-income customers are users of the open-bill opportunity for services such as furnace and water heater maintenance contracts and have an interest in its continuation. As well, there are other matters related to the opportunity to use open-bill for other services such as on-bill financing of energy retrofits in which LIEN also has an interest.

COSTS

LIEN requests that the Board find it eligible for costs under section 3.03 (a) of the Board's Practice Direction on Cost Awards. LIEN "primarily represents the direct interests of residential consumers in relation to regulated services." LIEN has been accepted as a party eligible for an award of costs in other proceedings before the Board.

As a not-for-profit organization, LIEN's participation in this proceeding is dependent on any cost awards it receives. LIEN intends to coordinate its efforts with other intervenors to avoid duplication where possible. LIEN has retained Judy Simon + Associates to provide consulting advice to LIEN in this proceeding. Judy Simon is an expert on energy policy and conservation in Ontario and has been retained for expert advice in many proceedings by LIEN, and other clients, related to these issues.

We request that counsel (Ms. Juli Abouchar and Mr. Matt Gardner) and Ms. Judy Simon, consultant to LIEN, be listed on the intervenors' list under LIEN, since this makes the later distribution of updates more effective.

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Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Matt F. Gardner', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Matt Gardner

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