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Dear Ms Walli:

Re: EB-2013-0301 - Review of Framework Governing the Participation of Intervenors in Board Proceedings

Industrial Gas Users Association (IGUA) - Intent to Participate and Request for Cost Eligibility

We are in receipt of the Board's Announcement dated August 22, 2013. We write as counsel to IGUA to indicate IGUA's intention to participate in this process, and to request that IGUA be determined eligible for recovery of its reasonably incurred participation costs.

Description of IGUA

IGUA is an association of industrial companies located in the Canadian provinces of Manitoba, Ontario and Québec, who use natural gas in their industrial operations. IGUA was first organized in 1973 and it provides a coordinated and effective public policy and regulatory voice for those industrial firms depending on natural gas as a fuel or feedstock. IGUA has become the recognized voice representing the industrial user of natural gas before regulatory boards and governments at both the provincial and national levels.

Nature and Scope of IGUA's Intended Participation

IGUA has been regularly involved in gas rate, policy and facility proceedings at the OEB for many years, as an active intervenor contributing to the Board's deliberations. IGUA's constituency (industrial gas customers) and its significant history of OEB involvement underpin its interest in participating in, and informing this review being undertaken by the Board.



Intention to Seek an Award of Costs

IGUA also hereby requests that it be determined eligible for recovery of its reasonably incurred costs of its participation herein.

As a party primarily representing the direct interests of industrial consumers (i.e. ratepayers) in relation to regulated services, IGUA has in the past been determined to be eligible for cost awards pursuant to section 3.03(a) of the Board's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

Request for Notification and Contact Information

IGUA requests that the following representatives be provided with all filings and other communications by the Board and other parties related to this matter:

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