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Ontario Energy Board <u>Attn</u>: Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary P.O. Box 2319 27th Floor, 2300 Yonge Street Toronto ON M4P 1E4

RE: EB-2014-0134 Consultation Process for Developing a New DSM Framework

REQUEST & SUPPORT

We are writing on behalf of the Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario ("FRPO") in response to the Board's letter of April 10, 2014. The Letter outlines the Board's intended process of consultation toward the creation of a new DSM Framework for the period of 2015-2020. We apologize to the Board and the respective utilities for the timing of this submission as other circumstances inhibited its submission by the ordered deadline. As the preliminary work is currently being undertaken, we respectfully submit that no party would be prejudiced by the Board's acceptance of our request but express regret for the additional administrative impact.

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.

ISSUES OF CONCERN

DSM programs have evolved over the years with the advancement of technology that has aided implementation and verification. Public policy and opinion have also influenced this evolution. We appreciate the Board's periodic review of the framework to ensure ongoing and improved effectiveness of these ratepayer investments.

FRPO has been involved in recent years collaborating with the utilities in the development of their DSM programs. We respect that the utilities' efforts must be guided by the outcomes sought by the Board including economic and environmental value for ratepayer investment. As an example, the recent combined infrastructure proceeding included consideration of the potential impact of DSM on peak shaving and avoided infrastructure cost. We trust the longer

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term outlook of this framework will guide the directions of such considerations and we would look to assisting the Board and speaking for our members on these matters.

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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