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**Re: *Energy Consumer Protection Act, 2010* Review EB-2014-0158**

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I am writing to request inclusion in the stakeholder process in the above matter.

Ag Energy is an independent member-owned Ontario co-operative that provides energy products and services to our members and customers. Ag Energy is a services based co-operative that provides natural gas and electricity solutions to its members and customers and were incorporated 26 years ago. Our beginnings served as cost-effective procurement of natural gas for greenhouses as a result of energy deregulation, as energy is typically one of the largest input costs for our membership. We have annual sales in excess of $30 million and our primary focus is to provide cost effective energy commodities and investment opportunities to our membership. We are a lean organization serving agriculture, agri-tech and agri-food. If we were to expand the impact of our efforts to two levels, Ag Energy and its membership (i.e. other co-operatives and organizations and their membership) reflect the following metrics:

* Approximately 5000 employees
* Greater than $1/2 Billion CAD in revenue / sales per year
* Majority of the locations are rural Ontario
* 90+% of the revenue is estimated to remain in Ontario
* Any growth efforts or streamlining of bureaucracy supports these Ontario businesses/ individuals and inherently improves the province economically and socially.

The current ECPA guidelines and regulations are punitive to our membership and also to agriculture, whether it is for natural gas or electricity and there are a few key opportunities for improvement that would positively affect the agricultural sector.

As Ag Energy’s role is to "commercialize energy policy for the benefit of Ontario agriculture" we would like to be included in the stakeholder process. Since our distinct role is an industry advocate, Ag Energy enjoys good relations with all agricultural organizations and associations.

Ag Energy is a licensed retailer operating under Gas Marketer licence EM-2009-0362 and Electricity Marketer licence ER-2009-0004.

Please note the following contact information for Ag Energy Co-operative Ltd.

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Thank-you for your attention in this matter. Please contact me with any questions.

Yours truly,



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