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May 4, 2015

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

### RE: EB-2015-0029 - UNION GAS & EB-2015-0049 -EGD 2015-2020 DSM PLANS

### **REQUEST & SUPPORT**

We are am writing on behalf of the Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario (FRPO) in regard to the Notice of Application . The Application by Union Gas, pursuant to section 36 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, requests an order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable rates and other charges for the sale, distribution, transmission and storage of gas effective January 1, 2015. The resulting rates impact members of the FRPO.

FRPO is Ontario's leading advocate for quality rental housing, representing over 800 private owners and managers who supply over 350,000 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**

FRPO is aware of the importance of this proceeding in establishing parameters under which the utilities will undertake their respective Demand Side Management programs. Significant issues of concern to FRPO include the budgets and performance metrics and the mechanisms to adjust those parameters over time, cost allocation, program development including eliminating barriers to market rate apartment participation in low-income programs and efficacy of shareholder incentive.

In our respectful submission, the number of the issues and their inter-dependence increases the importance of an oral hearing.

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### **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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