VIA E-MAIL

September 3, 2015

Ontario Energy Board

Attn: Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary
P.O. Box 2319

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RE: EB-2015-0181 Union Gas Dawn Reference Price & North T-Service FRPO Request for Intervention

REQUEST & SUPPORT

I am writing on behalf of the Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario (FRPO) in regard to the above referenced proceeding. The Application requests a Change to the Commodity Reference price and establishment of North T-Service under section 36 of the Act. The reference price change and North T-service have effect on the 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 with 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 & INVOLVEMENT

The Ontario market is evolving with the availability of natural gas in closer proximity to the province. The reduction in reliance on natural gas supplies from Western Canada makes the current commodity reference price less relevant. FRPO has called for consideration of a shift of the reference price from Empress to Dawn. The referenced application outlines Union's proposal for such a change along with changes to how Northern services are provided and priced. These changes have considerable impact on the current incentive framework and QRAM proceedings.

FRPO respectfully requests involvement in all facets of this proceeding. We apologize for the late submission as a result from a challenging regulatory schedule. FRPO will collaborate with intervenors of similar interest and act in a responsible manner consistent the Board's Practice Directions.

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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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