

VIA E-MAIL

October 29, 2015

Ontario Energy Board
Attn: Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary
P.O. Box 2319
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Toronto ON M4P 1E4

RE: EB-2015-0238 Distributor Gas Supply Planning Consultation

REQUEST & SUPPORT

We are writing on behalf of the Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario (“FRPO”) in regard to the Notice of Application in the referenced proceeding. We are encouraged that the Board continues its initiatives designed to create understanding of the evolving North American market, the effects faced Ontario natural gas distributors and implications for Board policy and process. We are respectfully requesting participation and the opportunity to make a brief presentation by our consultant in the hopes of assisting the Board in these matters.

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 including the preceding Natural Gas Market Review and has been awarded costs by the Board. Therefore FRPO would respectfully request a determination of eligibility for cost award in this proceeding.

SCOPE OF PROCEEDING

The Board’s letter of October 20th focused the proceeding on understanding the risks and tradeoffs associated with the gas supply and transportation planning process. We concur with the Board’s desire to enhance the gas supply approval process to ensure an understanding of risk and trade-offs and the robustness of the plans from my angles. One angle that we want to ensure is highlighted under the risks and trade-offs is the longer term impacts of the plans including the infrastructure implications.

To that end, we respectfully request the opportunity to prepare and present a brief submission on the benefits integrated planning for both short term and long term. As the market evolves, opportunity is created to consider gas management issues such as UDC and consider market based non-facility alternatives that address both seasonal and peak needs of the utility. Our proposed twenty minute presentation would include consideration of potential process changes and would be advanced to the Board and parties by November 19th per the Board’s letter.

REPRESENTATION

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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