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Ontario Energy Board

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# RE: 2015 Annual Filing Requirements of the Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario

On April 22, 2014, the Ontario Energy Board (Board) announced the completion of the first phase of the intervenor framework review. As a result, the Board published an amended version the Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure and the Practice Direction on Cost Awards April 24, 2014. The following information is provided in response to the filing requirements for parties that frequently apply for intervenor status and cost award eligibility in Section 3.03.1 in the Practice Direction.

#### Mission and Objectives

#### **OUR MISSION**

Our mission is to provide the highest quality services to our members through education, policy development and advocacy. We will do this through:

- Upholding public policies that support the availability of quality housing
- Protecting the rights of private sector landlords and property managers while helping them profit from their investment in multi-residential real estate
- Informative and educational training sessions on regulatory issues and industry best practices
- Promoting industry best practices, fair conduct and professional standards of our members
- Fostering better communication and information sharing among members
- Educating government, the media and general public on the critical role of the private sector in the supply of well-managed and maintained rental accommodation.

## **OUR OBJECTIVE**

A balanced and healthy housing market with a vital rental-housing industry, choice for consumers, adequate government assistance for low-income households and private sector solutions to rental-housing needs.

# Intervenor Status and Cost Award Eligibility Information

FRPO is Ontario's leading advocate for quality rental housing, representing over 800 private owners and managers and 2,200 members in total 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 these regulatory proceedings. FRPO has previously assisted the Board in the past and has been awarded costs by the Board.

### Summary

We trust this information is of assistance to the Board and meets the annual filing requirements as contemplated in the Revised Practice Directions. Should additional information be required, please contact the undersigned or its representative, Dwayne Quinn and we would be happy to add to this filing.

Sincerely,

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