

July 5, 2017

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board  
2300 Yonge Street  
P.O. Box 2319  
Toronto, Ontario  
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Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: EB-2017-0127/EB-2017-0128 – Mid-Term Review of the 2015-2020 Demand Side Management Framework for Natural Gas Distributors**

I am a consultant to the Consumers Council of Canada (“Council”). I have been instructed by my client to intervene in the Ontario Energy Board’s (“OEB” or “Board”) Mid-Term Review of the 2015-2020 Demand Side Management (“DSM”) Framework for Natural Gas Distributors. The Council is a public-interest entity which represents the interests of residential consumers in Ontario. The Board’s Decision arising from this consultation process will ultimately impact the rates that residential consumers pay for the delivery of natural gas, the DSM program costs and potentially the DSM programs offered to natural gas customers.

On October 17, 2016, the Council filed with the Board, pursuant to Rule 22.03 of the Ontario Energy Board’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, a document describing the Council, its mandate and objectives, membership, the constituency represented, and the types of activities the Council carries out. In addition, we provided a list of the individuals authorized to represent the Council in Board proceedings.

The nature and scope of the Council’s intended participation in this consultation process will be the following:

1. To submit comments on the issues identified by the OEB in its June 20<sup>th</sup> letter to parties;
2. To participate in the Stakeholder Meeting; and
3. To submit comments following the Stakeholder Meeting.

The Council intends to ask for an order of costs related to its participation in this consultation process. The Council has participated in many of the OEB’s consultation processes over a long period of time. In addition the Council was an active intervenor in the combined DSM proceeding (EB-2015-0029/EB-2015-0049). In all of its interventions before the OEB the Council has been recognized as being eligible for an award of costs. In the absence of an award of costs the Council would be unable to participate in this consultation process.

Copies of all Board Notices and hard copies of the Applicant’s evidence should be sent to me, at 62 Hillside Avenue East, Toronto, Ontario, M4S 1T5. My telephone number is 416-322-7936 and my e-mail is [jgirvan@uniserve.com](mailto:jgirvan@uniserve.com).

Please let us know if any further information from the Council is required at this time.

Yours truly,

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