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Ontario Energy Board  
2300 Yonge Street  
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Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Attention: Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Intervenor Status and Cost Eligibility Request for Low-Income Energy Network  
Board File Nos. EB-2017-0127 and EB-2017-0128**

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We are counsel for the Low-Income Energy Network (LIEN). LIEN requests intervenor status in the above-mentioned proceeding and seeks eligibility for a cost award.

### **LOW-INCOME ENERGY NETWORK**

LIEN represents 60 member groups across Ontario. As a network representing the intersection of interests related to low-income consumers and energy and sustainability, LIEN's focus is on reducing the energy bills of all low-income consumers and providing low-income consumers the opportunity to better manage their energy bills. In so doing LIEN addresses customer care matters, commodity prices and rates, and DSM/CDM matters. LIEN helps to ensure that low-income consumers across Ontario have access to conservation programs, technologies and services as well as conservation education, and realize the environmental, energy and economic benefits associated with the more efficient use of energy.

### **NATURE AND SCOPE OF INTERVENTION**

LIEN was engaged in consultations with both Union Gas and Enbridge Gas Distribution on the development of their 2015-2020 DSM Plans and LIEN participated in the Board's 2015-2020 DSM Plan proceeding for both Union Gas and Enbridge Gas Distribution.

LIEN intends to intervene in this proceeding for the following reasons:

- ◆ This proceeding is a continuation of the work that LIEN has completed with Union Gas and Enbridge Gas Distribution in developing the low-income DSM programs for the 2015-2020 period.
- ◆ This proceeding is the only opportunity available to LIEN to assess the Utilities' low-income DSM programs, mid-way through the 2015-2020 period.
- ◆ LIEN participated in the Board's review of the Cap and Trade Framework and the Utilities' Cap and Trade Compliance Plans. LIEN understands that the Utilities intend to include not only a review of their DSM programs, but also preliminary plans for GHG abatement programs within the Cap and Trade regime (incremental to DSM programs), as part of the DSM Mid-Term Review.

LIEN intends to participate in all aspects of the proceeding.

### **COSTS**

LIEN requests that the Board find it eligible for costs under section 3.03 (a) of the Board's Practice Direction on Cost Awards. LIEN "primarily represents the direct interests of residential consumers in relation to regulated services." LIEN has been accepted as a party eligible for an award of costs in many other proceedings before the Board.

As a not-for-profit organization, LIEN's participation in this proceeding is dependent on any cost awards it receives. LIEN intends to coordinate its efforts with other stakeholders to avoid duplication where possible. LIEN reserves the right to seek costs for work performed by its consultant, if required, for this proceeding.

We request that counsel (Ms. Nicole Petersen and Mr. Matt Gardner) be listed on the intervenors' list.

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Yours truly,

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