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Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street
27th Floor
Toronto, Ontario M4P 1E4

Attention: Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: OEB – Mid-Term Review of the 2015-2020 Demand Side Management (DSM) Framework for Natural Gas Distributors, Board File Nos. EB-2017-0127 and EB-2017-0128

Below please find our application for intervenor status and cost award for the above noted proceeding.

Background on Housing Services Corporation (HSC)

HSC was established in 2002 under Ontario's *Social Housing Reform Act* to operate programs in natural gas purchasing, insurance and capital investments for social housing providers.

Since then, HSC has evolved its service offerings and role in the sector. Today, we help protect Ontario's \$40 billion housing asset with hands-on services that help social housing operators improve building efficiency and reduce utility costs; protect them from liability and support effective risk management; and help maximize capital dollars via effective asset and data management.

Membership and Constituency

HSC represents the direct interests of Ontario's social housing building operators, including municipal public housing, non-profit and co-operative housing providers, and tenants residing in their buildings, in relation to its provincially mandated services.

HSC is not government funded or membership based. We are an independent non-profit that operates on a fee-for-service model, reinvesting revenues from our core programs to fund activities that build sector capacity and lead to positive outcomes.

HSC requests that the Board find us eligible for costs under section 3.03 (a) of the Board's Practice Direction on Cost Awards.

Relevant HSC Activities

HSC is mandated to deliver a natural gas bulk procurement program to all municipal public housing organizations across Ontario. The program offers a range of purchasing options based on their risk tolerance to market volatility. Clients of the gas program (along with other non-profit and cooperative housing providers) also have access to services that reduce their overall demand, including energy

benchmarking and resident engagement programs, education and assistance on utility incentives programs, and project management services.

Due to HSC's unique position in the sector and the building and utility data we maintain, HSC regularly represents sector interests in engagements on CDM/DSM, commodity prices and rates, and provincial energy policy. We also participate as members of the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) Conservation First Framework Mid-term Review Advisory Group, representing low-income and social housing electricity consumers.

Proposed Participation of HSC in Proceeding

HSC seeks to participate in all aspects of this proceeding because:

- The decisions arising from this proceeding will impact social housing operators and its low-income residents in terms of delivery rates, DSM program costs, and potentially DSM program offerings.
- It is a continuation of HSC's consultation with Union Gas and Enbridge Gas Distribution as their 2015-2020 DSM Plans were developed.
- It is the only opportunity available to HSC to assess the utilities' DSM programs mid-way through the 2015-2020 period

Representative

Please direct all future documentation relating to the proceeding to HSC's designated contact below:

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Sincerely,



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