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VIA E-MAIL

December 19, 2017

Ontario Energy Board <u>Attn</u>: Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary P.O. Box 2319 27th Floor, 2300 Yonge Street Toronto ON M4P 1E4

RE: EB-2017-0306 – Enbridge Gas Distribution and Union Gas – Merger Application

REQUEST & SUPPORT

We are writing on behalf of the Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario (FRPO) in regard to the Notice of Application.

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. FRPO represents the direct interest of its members who are impacted by changes to the regulated rates of Enbridge Gas Distribution and Union Gas. As a not-for-profit organization, FRPO does not have other funding sources to ensure experienced representation to participate in and to assist the Board in these regulatory proceedings.

INVOLVMENT AND INTENTION TO SEEK COST AWARD

FRPO has participated in recent Enbridge Gas Distribution and Union Gas applications and desires to assist the Board in reviewing the application in light of the implications of the proposed merger. Therefore, FRPO would respectfully request involvement in all aspects of the review of this Application. FRPO has previously assisted the Board in other matters and has been awarded costs by the Board. Therefore, FRPO would respectfully request a determination of eligibility for cost award in this proceeding.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

We have reviewed the November 28th letter submitted by Enbridge outlining proposed procedural steps. We adopt the concerns expressed by the School Energy Coalition in their letter of December 12th and further support the proposed process set out by the Association of Power Producers of Ontario in their letter of December 15th. Given the considerable changes which may flow from these proceedings, we respectfully submit that appropriate investment in due process is warranted.

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REPRESENTATION

If the intervention requested is granted, then 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 our request

Respectfully Submitted on Behalf of FRPO,

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