

March 5, 2018

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-2017-0319 – Application by Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. for Approval of a Renewable Natural Gas Enabling Program and a Geothermal Energy Service Program

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”) proceeding to consider the Application by Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. (“EGD”) for approval of a Renewable Natural Gas Enabling Program and a Geothermal Energy Service program. The Council is a public-interest entity which represents the interests of residential consumers in Ontario. The Board’s Decision arising from this proceeding may ultimately impact the rates that residential consumers pay for natural gas. In assessing this Application the Council would like to ensure that the interests of EGD’s residential customers are sufficiently protected.

On November 8, 2017, 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 proceeding will be the following:

1. To test the Applicants’ evidence and assess the reasonableness of the proposals set out in the Application;
2. To determine whether the proposals are in the best interests of the Applicants’ residential customers and how they may impact those customers; and
3. To participate in various stages of the proceeding which may include an interrogatory process, a technical conference, a settlement conference and an oral hearing.

The Council intends to ask for an order of costs related to its participation in this proceeding. The Council has participated in many of the OEB’s natural gas proceedings over a long period of time. 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 proceeding.

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.

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

Yours truly,

Julie E. Girvan

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CC: Enbridge, Regulatory Affairs