

VIA E-MAIL

November 2, 2019

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

RE: EB-2019-0104 – Enbridge Gas 2020 Rates – FRPO Request to Participate

REQUEST & SUPPORT

We act on behalf of the Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario (“FRPO”). We are writing to request participation in the above subject proceeding. The rate changes that are approved in this proceeding have impact on our members.

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. As a not-for-profit organization, FRPO does not have other funding sources to ensure experienced representation to participate in and assist the Board in these regulatory proceedings. 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.

ISSUES & INVOLVEMENT

The Application requests the determination of rates for 2020 under Section 36 of the Act. The Applicant has requested that the issues be determined in a “bifurcated manner to allow updated interim rates to be in place for January 1, 2020.” While we are concerned that due process be employed in all matters, we will strive to work with the EGI to assist the Board in its determined proceeding. As such, we have reviewed the October 17th submissions of IGUA on the hearing process. We support those submissions with one recommended amendment at the end of bullet point 2 (**our proposed amendment is in bold**):

*2. If there are any outstanding rate setting issues following the settlement attempt, and again assuming that any such issues are as straight-forward as EG believes them to be, a brief written argument stage should provide the Hearing Panel with a sufficient record on which to determine any such issues. **Alternatively, upon request by a party with compelling reasons, the Board could consider calling for an oral hearing on an outstanding issue of material importance to rates or defer the determination of a contested issue to the subsequent Phase 2 portion of the hearing for further examination.***

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FRPO and its members would be impacted by changes to the rates, as such, would request full participation. FRPO has assisted the Board in past proceedings and would seek to assist in these matters.

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 this request

Respectfully Submitted on Behalf of FRPO,



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