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EB-2019-0255

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Dear Ms. Walli,

Re: Participation in EB-2019-0255

On behalf of the Canadian Propane Association ("**CPA**"), please accept this letter as confirmation that the CPA intends to participate in EB-2019-0255, with respect to the draft *Guidelines for Potential Projects to Expand Access to Natural Gas Distribution*.

CPA intends to request an award of costs in this matter. CPA is the national voice of the propane industry in Canada, representing over 400 member companies in every region of the country. Members include propane producers, wholesalers, transporters, equipment and appliance retailers, manufacturers, and distributors, and associated industries. CPA works with governments and regulators on policy issues that affect the propane industry, such as providing cost efficient energy to consumers. It provides key services such as industry training through the Propane Training Institute and emergency response for liquid propane gas and flammable liquids through Emergency Response Assistance Canada. CPA also provides industry members with a forum to collaborate on best practices for propane. CPA's grounds for, and interest in, this proceeding are twofold. First, CPA represents propane industry members who currently serve the communities that may be the subject of expansion. If natural gas becomes available in those communities as an alternative to propane, the CPA members serving those communities will be directly impacted. Second, in Ontario, propane usage is at its highest in remote and rural areas. The reason for this is that propane can be supplied to those communities in an economic manner, while natural gas cannot. The future of the propane industry is closely tied to the future of uneconomic natural gas expansion to remote and rural

areas. Thus, CPA has a strong interest in, and a unique policy perspective to contribute to, this proceeding.

For the purposes of this proceeding, CPA intends to engage Mike Richmond, Co-Chair of the Energy Law Group at McMillan LLP, as counsel.

Notices and materials in respect of this proceeding should be directed to the following:

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Yours truly,



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