

VIA E-MAIL

December 27, 2019

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

RE: EB-2019-0255 Potential Projects to Expand Access to Natural Gas Distribution

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 and eligibility for cost award.

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

On December 12, 2019, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) received a [letter](#) (Section 35 Letter) from the Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines and the Associate Minister of Energy under section 35 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act) asking the OEB to examine and report back to the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines (Ministry) by August 31, 2020 with information on potential projects to expand access to natural gas distribution to communities that are not currently connected to a natural gas distribution system. Acting in accordance with the letter, the Board has produced draft guidelines and is seeking stakeholder comment on those guidelines. FRPO is seeking involvement to provide comment and involvement in Board ordered proceedings associated with this directive.

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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Mr. Quinn has been involved in the natural gas industry for over three decades and has appeared in front of the Board for over two decades.

Thank you for your consideration of this request

Respectfully Submitted on Behalf of FRPO,



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