

VIA E-MAIL

May 20, 2020

Ontario Energy Board  
Attn: Christine Long, Board Secretary  
P.O. Box 2319  
27<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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**RE: EB-2020-0133 – OEB Consultation - Impact of COVID-19 on Def. Accts.**

**REQUEST & SUPPORT**

We are writing on behalf of the Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario (“FRPO”) in regard to the Board’s letter of May 14<sup>th</sup> initiating a proceeding to consult with stakeholders on the impact of the COVID-19. We appreciate the Board’s request for input on the accounting guidelines including the impact of dispositions on customers. As such, we are communicating our request to be involved in the process starting with the Preliminary Stakeholder Meeting of May 28, 2020.

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 believe strongly 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 with 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**

We understand that all sectors of the economy have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. We respect that the Board has issued orders and other communication to assist rate-regulated entities with the tracking of adjustments made during this time. The Board’s letter provides some key issues that need consideration and potential further guidance to the Utilities. FRPO believes it can and would provide assistance to the Board 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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