

VIA E-MAIL

June 25, 2008

Ontario Energy Board  
Attn: Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary  
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**RE: Request to Participate - EB-2008-0106 (COMMODITY PRICING, LOAD  
BALANCING AND COST ALLOCATION METHODOLOGIES FOR NATURAL GAS  
DISTRIBUTORS IN RELATION TO REGULATED GAS SUPPLY)**

Further to the notice dated May 29, 2008 from the Ontario Energy Board ("Board"), the Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario (FRPO) respectfully requests that it be granted participant status as an interested party in the above-noted proceedings.

FRPO requests a determination in its eligibility for a cost award in this process and offers the following information in support of its request.

FRPO is Ontario's leading advocate for quality rental housing, representing over 800 private owners and managers who supply over 250,000 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. Some FRPO members use utility system supply while some source their gas through direct purchase programs. All FRPO members rely on utility load balancing and the appropriate allocation costs between delivery and supply.

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 including the current Storage and Transportation Access Rule (STAR).

FRPO recognizes that this request is being made after the deadline specified in the Board's May 29, 2008 letter of notification. The late request is attributable to the fact that FRPO was only recently aware of the proceeding as a result of the Motion to vary the Board decision in EB-2008-0034/ EB-2007-0598 submitted June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Through a review of that decision, FRPO was made aware of the current Generic Proceeding. While FRPO is a registered intervenor in the STAR proceeding, it was not served notice of the new Generic Proceeding by any party. It is submitted that no one will be prejudiced if the Board grants FRPO participant status and cost award eligibility in this proceeding.

If the relief requested is granted, then FRPO asks that further communications in respect to this matter be sent to the following:

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Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'V. Brescia', is written over a vertical red line.

V. Brescia, President & C.E.O.  
Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario

cc: D. Quinn (DRQ)