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Dear Ms Walli:

## Re: EB-2008-0150/Consultation on Energy Issues Relating to Low Income Consumers

We are counsel to the Consumers Council of Canada (Council). We are instructed by our client to advise you that it wishes to participate in the Board's Consultation on energy issues relating to low income consumers.

Our client represents the interests of the broad array of residential consumers of natural gas and electricity. Any regulatory policies and measures designed to address the needs of low income energy consumers will have an effect on, among others, residential consumers generally. Our client has been an active participant in, among other things, the applications by the Low Income Energy Network seeking to have rate affordability programs implemented by Union Gas Limited and Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. In addition, our client was a party in the recent Divisional Court proceeding considering the Board's jurisdiction to consider the ability to pay when setting utility rates.

Our client is a non-profit, public interest organization with no resources to support its participation in this process. Our client intends to seek a cost award to support its participation. Our client has been found to meet the eligibility criteria, under the Board's Rules, for cost awards.

Copies of all materials related to this process should be sent to the writer, and to the Council's consultant, Julie Girvan. Her contact information is as follows: address: 2 Penrose Road, Toronto, ON M4S 1P1, telephone: (416) 322-7936, fax: (416) 322-9703, e-mail: jgirvan@ca.inter.net.



Yours very truly,

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