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VIA E-MAIL

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

**RE: EB-2020-0118 – Framework for Energy Innovation
FRPO Request to Participate & Eligibility for Cost Award.**

We are writing on behalf of the Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario (“FRPO”) in response to the Board’s letter in the above proceeding issued March 23rd in EB-2021-0118.

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

At the outset of the preceding consultations EB-2018-0287/0288 a couple of years ago, we considered our involvement but determined that we would not be involved given the focus on distributed electricity. However, after reading the London Economics and ICF reports while noting potential implications for generic application of the principles after the IRP proceeding, FRPO believes it can assist the Board and represent our members’ interests. Our members are directly impacted by the rates generated from the future outcomes of this work. Given the evolution to Framework for Energy Innovation, at this time, we respectfully request participation and determination of eligibility for cost award in this current proceeding.

To be clear, we are seeking opportunity to participate in the consultation but respect that we are not as well equipped as others to be part of any of the contemplated working groups and therefore, we are not nominating ourselves in that call for interest.

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 our request.

Respectfully Submitted on Behalf of FRPO,

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