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

## RE: EB-2021-0149 – FRPO Submissions in Response to PO#1

We are writing on behalf of the Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario in response to the Board's Procedural Order No.1 in respect of EGI's request for confidential treatment of Exhibit D, Tab 1, Schedule 6.

FRPO continues to be concerned about the ratepayer impact of the lack of storage market development that was expected by the Board in the NGEIR Decision<sup>1</sup> coupled with consolidation of storage provision in Ontario under Enbridge Inc. Throughout multiple proceedings<sup>2</sup>, we have led discovery to assist the Board in an understanding of these impacts on ratepayers. Most recently, EGI has provide information comparable to Schedule 6 as part of the settlement agreement through which intervenors accepted confidential treatment<sup>3</sup>.

FRPO understands that some of the information in this Schedule may be considered confidential and/or market sensitive. On the other hand, we are concerned that the lack of transparency in the storage market makes it difficult for market participants and ratepayers to ensure reasonable value. We believe that a better balance could be struck.

FRPO is not in a position to make any specific submissions at this time as we do not have EGI's rationale for its request that is required under Section 5.1.4 of the Practice Directions<sup>4</sup>. We submit that the Board would be better informed that information is provided. Further, FRPO and other stakeholders would then be able to assist the Board with their perspectives on these matters moving forward. We respectfully request that EGI provide its specific rationale to assist the process.

FRPO thanks the Board for establishing this due process and the consideration of our concerns.

Respectfully Submitted on Behalf of FRPO,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> EB-2005-0551

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> EB-2017-0306,0307, EB-2019-0137,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> EB-2020-0134

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Practice Directions on Confidential Filings, February 17, 2021