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Ontario Energy Board

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RE: EB-2021-0147 EGI 2022 Rates

OPI Request for Intervenor Status and Eligibility for Cost Award

Introduction

Please accept this letter of request for intervenor status and eligibility for cost award of the Ontario Petroleum Institute (OPI) which was submitted incorrectly on August 5th to EB-2021-0149 EGI 2020 Deferral Accounts proceeding.

Statement of Interest

Founded in 1963, OPI is a non-profit industry association which represents explorationists, producers, contractors, geologists, petroleum engineers and other professionals, individuals or companies directly related to the oil and gas, hydrocarbon storage and solution-mining industries of Ontario.

The fundamental objectives of the Institute are:

- to encourage responsible exploration of the oil, gas, hydrocarbon storage and solution-mining industries of Ontario
- to maintain close liaison with government agencies which regulate the industry
- to disseminate information relevant to member needs
- to promote the legislative goals of the membership
- to inform and educate the general public on the significance of the industry to the province of Ontario

It's generally understood that 50% of the potentially recoverable natural gas remains to be developed. Ontario currently imports the majority of its energy supply for power and transportation. Increasing this supply from the province's own natural resources enhances the security of that supply and contributes to the economic well-being through the jobs created and the services and supplies purchased in towns, cities and municipalities across Ontario.

Cost Awards

Almost all of the gas produced in Ontario is sold to Enbridge Gas. To access the Enbridge gas pipeline system, OPI members take service under the M13 rate and/or are compensated for their gas under a Gas Purchase Agreement (GPA).

OPI is seeking determination of eligibility for award of costs and is requesting that the Board determine that it is eligible for an award of costs. Its members have a substantial interest in these proceedings, including all issues that affect rates and services available to them. OPI submits that it is eligible to apply for a cost award based on section 3.03 of the Practice Direction on Cost Awards, revised April 24, 2014. OPI primarily represents the direct interests of ratepayers in relation to regulated services.

OPI's Intended Participation

OPI intends to participate in any pre-hearing procedures, including interrogatories or technical conferences, and settlement conferences. OPI also intends to participate in any oral hearings of this matter, and in written or oral submissions, as determined by the Board. While OPI does not currently intend to file evidence in this proceeding, it reserves its right to do so depending on the responses to interrogatories and any other discovery processes ordered by the Board.

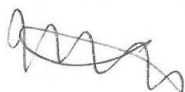
Representation

If the intervention requested is granted, then OPI asks that further communications with respect to this matter be sent to the following:

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Respectfully submitted,



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Chairman OPI