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**To: Kristen Walli, Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board**

**VIA EMAIL**

**Re: Consultation on Energy Issues Relating to Low Income Consumers, Board file number EB-2008-0150**

Dear Ms. Walli:

I am writing to request that Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) staff be granted observer status at the Ontario Energy Board's upcoming Consultation on Energy Issues Relating to Low Income Consumers.

Energy poverty is a point of concern for MMAH, especially as it relates to issues in the market and social rental housing sectors. As our government moves forward with its long-term affordable housing strategy, I anticipate that our staff may need to contemplate policy options to address energy affordability issues among vulnerable and low income tenants. The proceedings of your consultation will help inform our work in this regard.

The staff member who will be observing is Matt Regan. His contact information is as follows:

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Please feel free to follow-up directly with Matt regarding the logistics of the consultation. We will not be seeking a cost award in respect of Matt's attendance at this consultation.

Thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need further clarification regarding this request.

Sincerely,

*Original signed by*

Craig Brown  
Director, Housing Policy Branch