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February 18, 2022

Ms. Nancy Marconi
Acting Registrar
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor
Toronto, ON M6P 1E4

Dear Ms. Marconi:

**Re: Price Paid by Natural Gas Distributors for Natural Gas Produced in Ontario
Ontario Energy Board File Number: EB-2022-0094**

The Ontario Petroleum Institute (OPI) respectfully requests intervenor status in the above-noted proceeding. The OPI would appreciate being copied by e-mail on correspondence and other materials submitted to the regulatory record in respect of this proceeding.

Should you have any questions on this submission, please feel free to contact me.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Peter Budd".

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c. Scott Lewis, OPI Chair

Encl.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF a hearing on the Ontario Energy Board's own motion to consider the price paid by rate-regulated natural gas distributors and their customers for natural gas produced in Ontario.

REQUEST FOR INTERVENOR STATUS OF THE ONTARIO PETROLEUM INSTITUTE

1. The Ontario Petroleum Institute (OPI) hereby applies for Intervenor Status in this proceeding pursuant to the recently published Ontario Energy Board (OEB) Notice in the above-noted matter.
2. The OPI is an association of Ontario-based natural gas and oil producers, the members of which produce natural gas into the regulated local pipeline networks of Enbridge Gas Inc. (EGI) and EPCOR pursuant to various system gas contractual arrangements. The OPI headquarters are located in London Ontario.
3. OPI's membership has a direct interest in the draft issues list published by the OEB in its Notice of Hearing that identifies options as potential alternatives to the status quo relating to prices paid by distributors for natural gas produced in Ontario.
4. OPI has a direct interest in all matters relating to the OEB's jurisdiction to set just and reasonable rates for the sale of gas in Ontario, including any examination of the Board's jurisdiction to consider the terms, conditions and pricing formulas in the gas purchase contracts underlying the gas costs flowing into utility rates.
5. The OPI hereby requests that it receive one copy of the evidence and submissions of any parties to this proceeding, including any notices and correspondence that are filed. This request extends to any motions, amendments, revisions, undertakings and interrogatories, as well as final arguments. The OPI's preference is to receive all filings electronically so it can distribute these to its membership during this proceeding.
6. The OPI is respectfully requesting that the OEB proceed with all pre-hearing filings and final arguments in writing. In accordance with the Notice of Hearing, the OPI wishes to request that the Board proceed with one day of hearing oral evidence and cross-examination of the written evidence of the OPI witnesses by any party wishing to do so. The reason for this request is that there has been an inability to mediate these critical pricing issues for many years, notwithstanding genuine attempts to reach agreement between the OPI members and EGI. There is also a divergence in how EPCOR prices its gas purchases from OPI members, distinct from the manner in which EGI prices its local Ontario gas purchases. The OPI believes this pricing disparity and dispute is the core issue on which the OEB should hear viva voce evidence, to fully examine and understand the history and extent of these important Ontario gas producer pricing issues.

7. Communications relating to this proceeding should be sent to:

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8. The OPI will not be seeking an award of costs in this proceeding.

DATED at the City of London, in the Province of Ontario, this 16th day of February 2022.

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OPI Vice-Chair