

VIA E-MAIL

July 18, 2008

Ontario Energy Board
Attn: Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
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RE: Request to Participate - EB-2008-0150
Consultation on Energy Issues Relating to Low Income Consumers

Further to the notice dated July 2, 2008 from the Ontario Energy Board (“Board”), the Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario (FRPO) respectfully requests that it be granted participant status as an interested party in the above-noted proceedings.

FRPO requests a determination in its eligibility for a cost award in this process and offers the following information in support of its request.

FRPO is Ontario’s leading advocate for quality rental housing, representing over 800 private owners and managers who supply over 250,000 rental suites across the province.

Our members strongly support regulatory oversight of energy markets to ensure customer service policies are clear, practical and fair. They are also actively engaged in conservation and demand management, and implementation of smart submetering. As such, any potential policies or measures specifically related to low income consumers are likely to have direct bearing on our constituency. In addition we believe our considerable general experience with respect to tenants’ needs can be instructive to the OEB in this consultation.

As a not-for-profit organization, FRPO does not have other funding sources to ensure experienced representation to participate in and assist the Board in these regulatory proceedings. FRPO has previously assisted the Board in other matters and has been awarded costs by the Board.

FRPO intends to engage the services of Mr. John Matheson of Strategycorp and Mr. Michael McGee of Energy Profiles Limited to assist in this consultation. Their resumes are attached.

Thank you for your consideration of our request to participate in this consultation. If the relief requested is granted, then FRPO asks that further communications in respect to this matter be sent to the following:

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Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'V. Brescia', is written over a vertical red line.

V. Brescia, President & C.E.O.
Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario