

VIA E-MAIL

September 8, 2008

Ontario Energy Board
Attn: Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
P.O. Box 2319
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RE: Request to Participate - EB-2008-0280 Guidelines for the Pre-approval of Long-Term Gas Supply and/or Upstream Transportation Contracts (LTC Guidelines)

Further to the notice dated August 22, 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 believe that the rental-housing sector is best served by a competitive marketplace that offers choice and affordability in the provision of energy services. Some FRPO members use utility system supply while some source their gas through direct purchase programs. All FRPO members rely on the system integrity of the delivery services of the utility

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 including the current Storage and Transportation Access Rule (STAR).

FRPO and its consultant, DR QUINN & ASSOCIATES LTD. are currently participating in the STAR and QRAM proceedings and thus, are familiar with the context of the Natural Gas Forum report and each of the respective proceedings. Also, in his recent work, the principal of DRQ, was responsible for the planning, negotiating and obtaining approval for long-term gas supply and upstream transportation contracts to secure natural gas for an Ontario distributor.

If the request for participation is granted, then FRPO asks that further communications in respect to this matter be sent to the following:

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Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully Submitted on Behalf of FRPO,



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cc: V.Brescia (FRPO)