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Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary  
**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**  
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor  
Toronto, ON M4P 1E5

Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: EB-2008-0280: Guidelines for the Pre-Approval of Long-Term Gas Supply and/or Upstream Transportation Contracts.**

**IGUA Notice of Intent to Participate and Request for Cost Eligibility.**

We write as legal counsel to IGUA.

**Notice of Intent to Participate.**

Pursuant to the Board's August 22, 2008 notice to interested parties, IGUA hereby provides notice of its intent to participate in this consultation.

**Request for Cost Eligibility.**

IGUA also hereby requests that it be determined eligible for recovery of its reasonably incurred costs of participation in this consultation, in accord with directions regarding costs herein provided by the Board from time to time.

IGUA is an association of industrial companies who use natural gas in their industrial operations located in the Canadian provinces of Manitoba, Ontario and Québec. IGUA was first organized in 1973 and it provides a coordinated and effective public policy and regulatory voice for those industrial firms depending on natural gas as a fuel or feedstock. It has become the recognized voice representing the industrial user of natural gas before regulatory boards and governments at both the provincial and national levels.

As a party primarily representing the direct interests of industrial consumers (i.e. ratepayers) in relation to regulated services, IGUA has in the past been determined to be eligible for cost awards pursuant to section 3.03(a) of the Board's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

Many of IGUA's members receive regulated gas supply, balancing, delivery and transportation services from Ontario's natural gas distributors. IGUA understands that this process will consider the benefits and risks associated with long term gas supply and transportation contracting by Ontario's gas distributors. Some of IGUA's members take gas supply from Ontario's gas distributors, and some contract for their gas supply with gas marketers or directly in the competitive wholesale supply market. Therefore IGUA has an interest in both the cost and adequacy of default gas supply and in the availability of competitive gas supply options. All of IGUA's members have an interest in the adequacy and availability of upstream transportation.

**Contact Information.**

IGUA requests that all correspondence and filings in this process be directed to it as follows:

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