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February 1, 2024

Ontario Energy Board
Attn: Ms. N. Marconi, Board Registrar
P.O. Box 2319
27th Floor, 2300 Yonge Street
Toronto ON M4P 1E4

**RE: EB-2023-0343 – East Gwillimbury Community Expansion Project
FRPO Request for Intervention**

We are writing on behalf of the Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario (“FRPO”) in response to the Notice of Application produced January 11, 2024 for a Leave to Construct Application for East Gwillimbury and area.

FRPO is Ontario’s leading advocate for quality rental housing, representing over 800 private owners and managers who supply over 350,000 rental suites across the province. Our members believe strongly that the rental-housing sector is best served by a competitive marketplace that offers choice and affordability in the provision of energy services. As a not-for-profit organization, FRPO does not have other funding sources to ensure experienced representation to participate in and assist the Board with these regulatory proceedings. FRPO has previously assisted the Board in other matters and has been awarded costs by the Board. Therefore, FRPO would respectfully request a determination of eligibility for cost award in this proceeding.

ISSUES

EGI has requested Leave to Construct under Section 90(1) of the OEB Act to construct natural gas distribution pipelines and facilities that make up a Community Expansion Project to serve the Town of East Gwillimbury, with some potential pipeline sections within the Township of King, Town of Georgina, and Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville,. In our view, the proposed plan warrants clarification and an examination of the proposed pipe sizing of the project.

The Notice of Application asks for input on the type of hearing. We believe the best time for that determination would be after the initial round of discovery and potentially a technical conference, if warranted. Whatever the Board decides, we respectfully request the opportunity to be involved in all aspects of the proceeding that the Board deems necessary including manner of hearing.

REPRESENTATION

If the intervention requested is granted, then FRPO asks that further communications with respect to this matter be sent to the following:

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Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Respectfully Submitted on Behalf of FRPO,

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