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Intervention Form

Case Number:

EB-2024-0198

Intervenor Name:

Housing Services Corporation

Mandate and Objectives:

Housing Services Corporation (HSC) is a non-profit organization that was created by the Province under the Social Housing Reform Act (2000); this act was later replaced by the Housing Services Act (2011). Under the provincially legislated mandate, HSC supports approximately 1,400 community (social) housing providers and 47 municipal service managers and district social services administration boards in providing safe, affordable rental housing across the sector's 250,000 community housing units.

Membership of the Intervenor and Constituency Represented:

HSC represents Ontario's community (social) housing sector, which is comprised approximately 1,400 community housing providers and 47 municipal service managers and district social services administration boards across approximately 250,000 housing units.

Programs or Activities Carried Out by the Intervenor:

Our provincial mandate under the Housing Services Act, 2011, requires us to operate programs in natural gas purchasing, insurance and capital investments for social housing providers in Ontario. Since being established, HSC has evolved our service offerings and role

in the community housing sector to provide hands-on supports to help social housing operators improve building efficiency and reduce utility costs; protect them from liability and support effective risk management; and help maximize capital dollars via effective asset and data management. We have served as an intervenor on natural gas DSM activities since 2018 and have actively participated in electricity CDM consultations and working groups since 2002.

As an independent non-profit corporation, HSC does not receive regular funding from the Province. We operate through

Governance Structure:

HSC is governed by a board of directors that is made up of key stakeholders in the housing community, including Service Managers, housing providers and provincial representatives. Our Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is responsible for all major corporate decisions and operational activities. Our CEO has appointed an internal staff member to be HSC's intervenor representative. The internal staff member will engage directly in the interrogatories at the CEO's instruction.

Representatives:

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Other Contacts:

Frequent Intervenor Form:

OEB Proceedings:

HSC did not submit a new intervenor application on the following proceedings from the last

12 months; rather, we maintained active intervenor status through regular engagement since 2018.

EB-2024-0198

EB-2024-0193

EB-2022-0295

EB-2021-0002

Issues:

HSC has not received an issues list for this proceeding.

Policy Interests:

HSC seeks to participate in all aspects of this proceeding because:

- The decisions arising from this proceeding will impact social housing operators and the low-income residents they house in terms of gas delivery rates, DSM program costs, and DSM program offerings, ability to undertake energy efficiency improvements and maintain housing affordability.
- HSC represents the Ontario social housing sector, which has unique needs and opportunities that must be accounted for in Enbridge's 2026-2030 DSM Plan, its budget, and program offerings in an equitable, fair, and comprehensive manner.
- This proceeding is a continuation of HSC's ongoing consultations with Enbridge Gas, Inc. since the inception of DSM programming to ensure the DSM programs are designed and have sufficient budgets to achieve deepest energy savings across social housing portfolios.

Hearings:

HSC accepts that the OEB holds written, oral and electronic hearings. We seek to have sufficient advance notice of hearings in order to properly prepare for them.

Evidence:

HSC intends to file evidence pending the review of the proposed plan and as necessary throughout the proceeding. We expect the evidence to take the form of written submissions and oral responses depending on format of the hearings and evidence submission opportunities.

HSC will not be seeking eligibility for an award of costs.

Coordination with Other Intervenors:

HSC is unique in serving the interests of both residents and housing providers in the low-income social housing space and in having a provincially legislated mandate to support the sector.

We periodically communicate with the Low-Income Energy Network (LIEN) to understand that organization's views on DSM. While LIEN operates in the low-income space, our membership, mission, and audiences differ, and HSC believes it is critical to for our

organization apply as an intervenor separate from LIEN to ensure the specific needs of the social housing sector are represented.

Cost Awards:

HSC will not be seeking eligibility for an award of costs.

Language Preference:

English is preferred.