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Intervention Form

Case Number:

EB-2024-0198

Intervenor Name:

Three Fires Group Inc.

Mandate and Objectives:

Refer to the Frequent Intervenor Form below.

Membership of the Intervenor and Constituency Represented:

Refer to the Frequent Intervenor Form below.

Programs or Activities Carried Out by the Intervenor:

Refer to the Frequent Intervenor Form below.

Governance Structure:

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Representatives:

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<https://www.rds.oeb.ca/CMWebDrawer/Record/876473/File/document>

OEB Proceedings:

Three Fires Group ("Three Fires") has been approved as an intervenor in each of the proceeding where it has applied in the last 12 months. These proceedings were:

EB-2024-0063, EB-2024-0125, EB-2024-0078, EB-2024-0111, EB-2024-0067

Issues:

Three Fires is interested in a wide range of matters in this proceeding, including the cost-effectiveness, reliability and security of supply, risk management, and execution of the Enbridge Gas's DSM Plan.

Three Fires's participation would bring to bear a strong Indigenous perspective and include experience and input on issues including the potential impacts on Indigenous rights and title, including economic rights, which may be adversely affected by the Plan.

Three Fires also expects to provide a perspective on the distinct needs and entitlements of First

Nation communities, as well as the potential impact of the proposed DSM Plan and specific programming on those communities in terms of its implications on Indigenous access to reliable, affordable and sustainable energy, as well as the consequences for Indigenous capacity-building and Indigenous employment that may or may not arise from Enbridge Gas's proposals.

While Three Fires expects to adopt a broad approach entailing engagement on most if not all aspects of the proposed DSM programming with implications for First Nation communities, specific areas where Three Fires currently expects to engage include Enbridge Gas's proposals for energy audits, engagement with First Nations, research and development, the Energy Innovation Fund, the deployment of heat pumps, winterproofing, and resulting bill impacts arising from the DSM Plan.

Policy Interests:

Three Fires represents the interests of represents the interest of Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point First Nation. Three Fires therefore believes this question is not applicable to it, but it is available to provide further information on request.

Hearings:

Three Fires does not currently take a position on this question.

Evidence:

Minogi Corp. ("Minogi") and Three Fires are currently considering whether they wish to file expert evidence, either on their own or in collaboration with other intervenors. Minogi and Three Fires will undertake and conclude the necessary conversations at the earliest possible date to determine their position. In the event Minogi and Three Fires wish to file evidence, they will seek Board approval at the earliest opportunity.

Coordination with Other Intervenors:

Minogi and Three Fires intend to coordinate their participation in this proceeding in a manner similar to their coordination in the Board's cost of capital proceeding (EB-2024-0063) and Phase 2 of Enbridge Gas's rebasing proceeding (EB-2024-0111).

Both Minogi and Three Fires will collaborate with other intervenors as appropriate and as opportunities arise.

Cost Awards:

Three Fires requests cost eligibility in this proceeding. Three Fires is, in accordance with s. 3.03(b) of the Board's Practice Direction on Cost Awards, eligible to seek an award of costs as they are a party that primarily represents an interest or policy perspective that is relevant to the Board's mandate and to this proceeding.

Three Fires represents the interests of a unique and otherwise unrepresented set of Indigenous energy consumers in Ontario and is committed to ensuring that they are served through access to an affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern natural gas service.

Three Fires requests an award of costs in this proceeding on the basis that their comments and participation serve a direct interest and policy perspective that is relevant to the Board's mandate and pressing for the interests of Ontario's First Nation energy consumers.

The Board has granted Three Fires cost eligibility in a number of Board proceedings, including those referenced in its frequent intervenor materials previously submitted.

Language Preference:

Three Fires intends to participate in English.