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Ontario Energy Board <u>Attn</u>: Ms. Nancy Marconi, OEB Registrar P.O. Box 2319 27th Floor, 2300 Yonge Street Toronto ON M4P 1E4

RE: EB-2024-0198 – EGI 2026-30 DSM Plan Appl. – FRPO Reply to EGI

We are writing on behalf of the Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario (FRPO) in reply to the Enbridge Gas Inc. ("EGI") letter dated today in the matter of the EGI's 2026-30 DSM Plan Application. Given the EGI emphasis on timeliness of process in today's letter, we are providing brief responses and will reply to the Board more comprehensively if further information is required.

In its letter, EGI cites two areas of concern.

- 1) The lateness of submission and
- 2) Concerns over governance with respect to our involvement.

We respond below:

- 1) As communicated more specifically with Board staff and EGI within business hours of recognition of the evidence submission and intervention deadline, during the Christmas season, a close family member became ill and was hospitalised including intensive care stay. Our focus on support distracted me from some business and, frankly, I missed the notice. I was so oblivious of our error, it was not even in my awareness until well passed the deadline. Upon becoming aware through another intervenor on an unrelated matter, I immediately contacted Board staff that same evening within minutes of the realization and EGI the next morning with some details surrounding the hospitalisation and our intent to submit our late request.
- 2) EGI asserts that neither our intervention nor annual intervention filing provides detail on how we convey and receive information from FRPO members. We respectfully disagree. FRPO's operating model channels consensus directions and initiatives through its President to FRPO staff and, in this case, its

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representative consultant. FRPO's annual intervention filing states: "FRPO's authorized representative DR QUINN & ASSOCIATES LTD. reports to the President & CEO of FRPO. Through periodic written reports and ad hoc meetings driven by issues that are very important to FRPO's membership, our representative receives instruction from FRPO's President."

We trust that this information assists in the timely consideration of our late request, and we apologize again, for the inconvenience caused by my omission.

Respectfully Submitted on Behalf of FRPO,

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