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Via Email

Ontario Energy Board Attn: Ms. Nancy Marconi, OEB Registrar PO Box 2319 27th Floor, 2300 Yonge Street Toronto ON M4P 1E4

Re: EB-2024-0198 – EGI 2026-30 DSM Plan Appl. – HSC Reply to PO#1

I am writing on behalf of Housing Services Corporation (HSC) in response to the Board's PO#1 in the matter of the EGI's 2026-30 DSM Plan Application. I was travelling without access to email so was unable to reply within the five-day response period. Please accept this late submission in response to the Board's proposal that HSC coordinate with Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario (FRPO).

HSC thanks the Board for its acknowledgement of our standing and the opportunity to contribute to the Board's determination of issues in this proceeding. We appreciate the Board's efforts to seek efficiency in the DSM proceeding.

HSC specifically represents the community (social) housing sector. This sector is subject to the Housing Services Act, 2011 (HSA), which provides the legislative framework and policy guidelines for community housing in Ontario. Due to their legislated status, all community housing providers are non-profit organizations, have stringent service agreements with their municipal Service Managers, and restrictions on their ability to seek funding, the amounts of rent they can charge, and how they spend their operating dollars. It is a sector entirely dedicated to providing homes to low-income Ontarians who cannot afford market rent. These factors make community housing unique in its needs, opportunities, and status from the private rental housing that FRPO represents, which includes for-profit organizations and Ontarians of every income level.

HSC wishes to continue as a separate intervenor from FRPO and will strive for efficiency in our responses where possible.

Respectfully,

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