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Ontario Energy Board
<a href="#">Attn:</a> Ms. Nancy Marconi, OEB Registrar
<a href="#">27th Floor</a>, 2300 Yonge Street
<a href="#">Toronto ON M4P 1E4</a>

RE: EB-2025-0065 EGI 5 Year Gas Supply Plan FRPO Request to Participate

We are writing on behalf of the Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario ("FRPO") in response to the Board's May 6<sup>th</sup> letter initiating a hearing process for a review of Enbridge Gas Inc.'s (EGI) 5 year natural gas supply plan. We appreciate the Board's respect for the concerns of ratepayers with the initiation of a hearing process. The resulting rates impact the members of the FRPO. As directed in the letter, FRPO is requesting participation in the hearing.

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**

The Board's Framework for the Assessment of Distributor Supply Plans provides the process and expectations to ensure customers are receiving value from the gas supply. Gas supply decisions are complex by nature with the balancing of many qualitative factors along with cost effectiveness. These qualitative factors provide significant discretion to the utility. This balance and discretion are important to understand when considering the shareholder interest in these decisions. The Framework strives to inject greater transparency, accountability and performance measurement into the review of these plans to assure consumers are getting value. FRPO has assisted the Board with applications in the past and would seek to assist the Board in this proceeding and be granted cost award eligibility.

## 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 the above requests and apologize for any inconvenience in our administrative oversight in the timing being after the deadline but before the next business day.

Respectfully Submitted on Behalf of FRPO,

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