



By Email

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Dear Mr. O'Dell

**Multi-year Electricity Distribution Rate Setting Plan
Cost of Capital (EB-2006-0088) and 2nd Generation Incentive Regulation
Mechanism (EB-2006-0089)**

We are writing on behalf of our client the Industrial Gas Users Association ("IGUA"), which has just recently become aware of these proceedings.

As the Board is aware, IGUA is an interested party in matters pertaining to the gas distribution utilities which the Board regulates. In this context, IGUA is interested in the manner in which the Cost of Capital will be determined by the Board in future proceedings and in the parameters of any Incentive Regulation Plan ("IRP") which the Board adopts for the gas distribution utilities.

Upon reviewing the materials that had been posted on the Board's website with respect to the EB-2006-0088 and EB-2006-0089 proceedings, it appears that the eventual outcome of these proceedings could have considerable influence on Cost of Capital and IRP matters pertaining to the gas distribution utilities which the Board regulates.

In these circumstances, IGUA wishes to be included in this process as an interested party. In that connection, IGUA respectfully requests an extension of the deadline for requesting an award of costs and for registering as a participant in the information session scheduled for June 20, 2006 at the Delta Chelsea Hotel in Toronto.

IGUA relies on its long-standing eligibility as a cost award recipient to support its right to request an award of costs in these proceedings.

IGUA did not initially seek status as an interested party in these proceedings because of its perception that their scope was confined to matters pertaining to electricity distributors. That perception changed when we reviewed reports which the Board recently posted on its website and, in particular, the report of the Pacific Economics Group ("PEG") dated June 13, 2006, entitled "Second-Generation Incentive Regulation

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for Ontario Power Distributors". Most of the discussion in this report applies to both electricity and gas distributors.

In all of these circumstances, we respectfully request that IGUA be added to the list of Interested Parties. Please determine IGUA's eligibility for a cost award in these proceedings, and confirm that an IGUA representative can attend the information session scheduled for June 20, 2006.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter C.P. Thompson', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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