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New Brunswick Energy and Utilities Board  
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Attention Lorraine Légère, Board Secretary  
(Fax# (506) 643-7300)

**Re: Enbridge Gas New Brunswick application to change Contract Large General Service LFO Distribution Rate**

On behalf of the Canadian Restaurant and Foodservices Association (CRFA) and our nearly 1,000 member establishments in the province, I am writing to seek informal intervenor status in the above mention proceeding.

Since natural gas has been marketed in the province as a lower cost, responsive and efficient fuel alternative, many foodservice establishments in the province have switched to natural gas as their energy of choice. Over the past number of months, I have received a number of complaints from foodservice operators concerned with the high cost of natural gas. While most of the foodservice establishments in the province are not directly impacted by the increase to the Large General Service LFO distribution rate, CRFA is concerned by evidence filed by Enbridge which indicates they may seek similar price increases for smaller rate classes. To operators in the province, who struggle to survive on thin pre-tax profits of just 4.0%, this is unacceptable.

Unfortunately, due to a scheduling conflict, I am unable to attend the pre-hearing conference scheduled for Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions or have any concerns about CRFA intervention on this issue, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Vice-President, Atlantic Canada.