



EB-2014-0274

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act 1998*, S.O.1998, c.15, (Schedule B);

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Natural Resource Gas Limited for an Order or Orders approving or fixing just and reasonable rates and other charges for the sale, distribution, transmission and storage of gas effective October 1, 2014.

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2

Natural Resource Gas (“NRG”) filed an Application on August 22, 2014 with the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) under section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. c.15, Sched. B, as amended, for an order of the Board approving or fixing rates for the distribution, transmission and storage of natural gas, effective October 1, 2014. The Board assigned file number EB-2014-0274 to the Application and issued a Notice of Application on September 9, 2014.

NRG is currently using an Incentive Ratemaking framework (“IRM”) which expired on September 30, 2014. In this application, NRG has requested continuation of the current IRM framework to set distribution rates and other charges for NRG’s next two fiscal years, from October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2016. In addition, NRG is seeking a deferral account to implement a new demand side management program commencing January 1, 2015.

NRG has also requested that the Board require IGPC to provide additional financial information and information related to IGPC’s natural gas requirements upon expiration of the current gas delivery contract in April 2015 and to declare its current rates interim effective October 1, 2014.

In Procedural Order No. 1 dated September 30, 2014, the Board declared NRG’s current rates interim effective October 1, 2014 and approved Union Gas Limited,

Integrated Grain Processors Co-operative (“IGPC”) and IGPC Ethanol Inc. as intervenors in the proceeding.

The Board notes that the current ratemaking framework used to set distribution rates of NRG has ended. In this application, NRG has asked for a further extension of two years ending September 30, 2016.

Although NRG has included other requests in this proceeding, the Board considers the request for extension as a preliminary issue and will proceed on this basis.

The Board considers it necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding. The Board may issue further procedural orders from time to time.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. The Board will hold an oral proceeding on **November 11, 2014** at 10:00 a.m. in the Board’s North Hearing Room on the 25th floor at 2300 Yonge Street, Toronto. The Board will hear submissions from all parties on the preliminary issue. To the extent that parties do not support NRG’s proposal, they are invited to present options for the Board to consider.
2. Parties that wish to refer to any materials at the oral proceeding must file the materials with the Board and deliver it to all parties on or before **November 7, 2014**.

All filings to the Board must quote file number **EB-2014-0274** and be made electronically in searchable/unrestricted PDF format through the Board’s web portal at <https://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/>. Two paper copies must also be filed. Filings must clearly state the sender’s name, postal address and telephone number, fax number and e-mail address. Parties must use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guideline found at <http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry> . If the web portal is not available, parties may email their documents to the address below. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit all filings on a CD in PDF format, along with two paper copies. Those who do not have computer access are required to file 7 paper copies.

All communications should be directed to the attention of the Board Secretary at the address below, and be received no later than 4:45 p.m. on the required date.

With respect to distribution lists for all electronic correspondence and materials related to this proceeding, parties must include the Case Manager, Khalil Viraney at Khalil.Viraney@ontarioenergyboard.ca and Board Counsel, Michael Millar at Michael.Millar@ontarioenergyboard.ca

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DATED at Toronto, October 20, 2014

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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Board Secretary

APPENDIX "A"

To Procedural Order No. 1 and Interim Rate Order

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