

23 July 2015

Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge St., 27th Floor
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Attn: Ms Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

By electronic filing and e-mail

Dear Ms Walli:

**Re: EB-2015-0029, EB-2015-0049 – Union and Enbridge 2015-20 Gas DSM –
GEC Evidence Timing**

I write the Board on behalf of GEC in regard to timing of GEC evidence filing witness scheduling in the current joint gas DSM proceeding. As part of Procedural Order no. 3 the Board has set July 27th as the filing date. GEC's witness, Mr. Paul Chernick, underwent surgery late last week for what was thought to be an inflamed appendix and had anticipated being back at work within a day or two. Unfortunately, the surgery uncovered a malignancy necessitating a more aggressive surgery and longer recovery period. Mr. Chernick is slowly returning to work but we expect a delay in completion of his report. The situation is further complicated by the fact that the evidence of Mr. Neme relies on Mr. Chernick's report for inputs.

GEC does not wish to cause any delay in the hearing of these cases and proposes a short delay in the filing schedule followed by a slightly compressed schedule leading up to the hearing to meet the Board's hearing start date. We have discussed this with Board Staff and the utilities, and all are amenable to the proposal set out below.

Mr. Chernick advises that his report will not be completed until July 31st. It is our hope that Mr. Chernick can provide preliminary values to allow Mr. Neme's report to be finalized and filed by July 29th. We therefore suggest to the Board the following revised schedule for the GEC evidence and the subsequent procedural steps:

Neme Evidence filed: July 29 (delayed 2 days)
Chernick evidence filed: July 31 (delayed 4 days)
IRs on Neme evidence: Aug. 5 (period shortened by 1 day)
IRs on Chernick evidence: Aug. 7 (period shortened by 1 day)

The remaining procedural steps would be as contemplated in the Board's procedural order and the Board's letter of June 22nd. Specifically:

IR responses from Mr. Neme: Aug. 10 (period shortened by 1 day)

Follow up questions to Mr. Neme: Aug. 12

Responses to follow up questions from Mr. Neme: Aug. 17

At this time we are hopeful that Mr. Chernick will be up to travel by August 17th for the technical conference.

We look forward to the Board's consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Poch". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "D" and "P".

David Poch

Cc: all parties