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**December 14, 2015**

To: **All Participants**

Re: **Distributor Gas Supply Planning Consultation ([EB-2015-0238](#))**

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On October 20, 2015 the OEB invited stakeholders to participate in a consultation to review the gas supply and transportation planning process undertaken by the gas distributors in Ontario. The intent of this consultation is to gain insight about the distributors' gas supply planning process and to:

- 1) Better understand the plans and the risk /cost trade-offs being made
- 2) Enable the OEB and stakeholders to compare and contrast the plans side by side, and understand the basis for any differences that exist
- 3) Increase the understanding of the implications of the plans and distributor actions

The output of this consultation will be a staff report that summarizes the findings and will include recommendations to the Board for consideration.

As part of this consultation, on **December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015** participants met at the OEB to discuss the content and format of a side-by-side comparison of the gas supply planning processes undertaken by the distributors Union Gas and Enbridge Gas Distribution.

At that forum consensus was established among participants that the following items (referred to as a *Draft Table of Contents*) should be included in the side-by-side comparison document that will be developed by the distributors:

### **Draft Table of Contents**

1. Objectives
2. Guiding Principles
  - a. criteria
  - b. inherent risks
3. Planning Horizon

4. Current and Future Trends
5. Gas Supply Planning Inputs
  - a. demand
  - b. supply
  - c. transportation
  - d. storage
  - e. current and future trends (short/long term)
  - f. balancing approach for DP customers
6. Gas Supply Planning Outputs
  - a. commodity portfolio
  - b. transportation
  - c. storage
  - d. market based solutions
7. Planning Summary- Risk and Costs
8. Execution of the plan - Operations and Risk Management
9. Review and Approval Process
10. Reporting on Execution

Participants are asked to review the *Draft Table of Contents* and provide written comments, if necessary, by **December 18, 2015**. Please note that all written comments should include a short explanation of the underlying reason for the change. Also, because consensus was established at the forum held on **December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015** regarding the items that are to be included in the *Draft Table of Contents*, it is anticipated that few changes, if any, will be required.

Once written comments are received from participants the distributors and the OEB will develop a *Final Table of Contents* that is intended to be posted on the OEB website by **January 8, 2016**.

### **Filing Instructions**

Three (3) paper copies of each filing must be provided, and should be sent to:

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Filings to the OEB must be received by the Board Secretary by **4:45 p.m.** on the required date. They must quote file number **EB-2015-0238** and include your name, address, telephone number and, where available, your e-mail address, and fax number.

All material related to this consultation will be posted on the "Policy Initiatives & Consultations" portion of the OEB's website at [www.ontarioenergyboard.ca](http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca). The material will also be available for public inspection at the OEB's office during normal business hours.

Any questions relating to this letter should be directed to Jason Craig at [Jason.craig@ontarioenergyboard.ca](mailto:Jason.craig@ontarioenergyboard.ca) or at 416-440-8139. The Board's toll-free number is 1-888-632-6273.

Yours truly,

*Original Signed By*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary