Ontario Energy Board Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario



To: Corporation of the Town of Aylmer ("Town of Aylmer")

Integrated Grain Processors Co-operative Inc. ("IGPC")

Re: Cost Awards for Proceeding (EB-2008-0413) Application by Natural Resource Gas Limited to renew its franchise rights with the Town of Aylmer

On December 23, 2008 Natural Resource Gas Limited ("NRG") filed an application under section 10(2) of the *Municipal Franchises Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.55, as amended for renewal of its franchise rights with the town of Aylmer.

A Notice of Application and Notice of Hearing was published and served by NRG according to the Board's directions.

The Town of Aylmer and IGPC filed requests for intervenor status and cost eligibility with the Board on January 9 and January 27, 2009, respectively. The Board confirmed the intervention status and cost eligibility of the Town of Aylmer and of IGPC on January 19 and January 29, 2009, respectively. NRG filed a letter with the Board dated January 29, 2009 raising issues in regard to the cost eligibility request of the Town of Aylmer.

At the conclusion of the oral hearing on February 12, 2009 in the Town of Aylmer, the Board issued an oral decision and on February 13, 2009 the Board issued an Interim Order to allow the right of NRG to continue on the terms and conditions set out in the existing franchise agreement until May 14, 2009 or until a renewal of the franchise agreement is granted under the Municipal Franchises Act, whichever comes first.

Steps for Processing Cost Claims

The Board has determined that following process will be followed with respect to the filing of cost claims. Once this process is complete, the Board will issue its decision on cost awards, including the recovery of the Board's costs in this matter.

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- 1. If any intervenor intends to file a cost claim, it shall file that cost claim in accordance with the Board's Practice Direction on Cost Awards with the Board with a copy sent to NRG **no later than March 20, 2009**.
- 2. NRG may object to any cost claim **no later than March 27, 2009** by filing its submission to the Board and delivering a copy to the intervenor in relation to whose cost claim the objection is made.
- If an objection to an intervenor's cost claim is filed, that intervenor will have until April 3, 2009 to make a reply submission to the Board, with a copy to NRG as to why its cost claim should be allowed.
- 4. All filings to the Board must quote file number EB-2008-0413, be made through the Board's web portal at www.errr.oeb.gov.on.ca, and consist of two paper copies and one electronic copy in searchable / unrestricted PDF format. Filings must clearly state the sender's name, postal address and telephone number, fax number and e-mail address. Please use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guideline found at www.oeb.gov.on.ca. If the web portal is not available you may email your document to the address below. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit all filings on a CD or diskette in PDF format, along with two paper copies. Those who do not have computer access are required to file three (3) 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.

<u>Address</u>

Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319 2300 Yonge Street Suite 2700 Toronto ON M4P 1E4 DATED at Toronto, March 11, 2009

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary

cc: Natural Resource Gas Limited