# UNION GAS LIMITED ENBRIDGE GAS DISTRIBUTION INC. EB-2007-0606 / EB-2007-0615

### PROPOSED ISSUES LIST

## 1. Multi-Year Incentive Ratemaking Framework

- 1.1 What are the implications associated with a revenue cap, a price cap and other alternative multi-year incentive ratemaking frameworks?
- 1.2 What is the method for incentive regulation that the Board should approve for each utility? **(contested)**
- 1.3 Would each utility's multi-year incentive ratemaking application result in just and reasonable rates? (contested)
- 1.4 If a revenue cap is employed should the weather risk continue to be borne by the shareholders, and if so what other adjustments should be made? **(contested)**

#### 2. Inflation Factor

- 2.1 What type of index should be used as the inflation factor (industry specific index or macroeconomic index)?
  - 2.1.1 Which macroeconomic or industry specific index should be used?
- 2.2 Should the inflation factor be based on an actual or forecast?
- 2.3 How often should the Board update the inflation factor?
- 2.4 Should the gas utilities ROE be adjusted in each year of the incentive regulation (IR) plan using the Board's approved ROE guidelines?

#### 3. X Factor

- 3.1 How should the X factor be determined?
- 3.2 What are the appropriate components of an X factor?
- 3.3 What are the expected cost and revenue changes during the IR plan that should be taken into account in determining an appropriate X factor? **(contested)**

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# 4. Average Use Factor

- 4.1 Is it appropriate to include the impact of changes in average use in the annual adjustment?
- 4.2 How should the impact of changes in average use be calculated?
- 4.3 If so, how should the impact of changes in average use be applied (e.g., to all customer rate classes equally, should it be differentiated by customer rate classes or some other manner)?

#### 5. Y Factor

- 5.1 What are the Y factors that should be included in the IR plan?
- 5.2 What are the criteria for disposition?

#### 6. Z Factor

- 6.1 What are the criteria for establishing Z factors that should be included in the IR plan?
- 6.2 Should there be materiality tests, and if so, what should they be?

### 7. Natural Gas Electricity Interface Review (NGEIR) Decisions

- 7.1 How should the impacts of the NGEIR decisions, if any, be reflected in rates during the IR plan?
- 7.2 Should there be a mechanism during the IR plan to ensure that delivery of service, quality, reliability and safety is not adversely impacted by implementation of NGEIR? **(contested)**

#### 8. Term of the Plan

8.1 What is the appropriate plan term for each utility?

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# 9. Off-Ramps

- 9.1 Should an off-ramp be included in the IR plan?
- 9.2 If so, what should be the parameters?

# 10. Earning Sharing Mechanism (ESM) (contested)

- 10.1 Should an ESM be included in the IR plan?
- 10.2 If so, what should be the parameters?

# 11. Reporting Requirements

- 11.1 What information should the Board consider and stakeholders be provided with during the IR plan?
- 11.2 What should be the frequency of the reporting requirements during the IR plan (e.g., quarterly, semi-annual or annually)?
- 11.3 What should be the process and the role of the Board and stakeholders?

## 12. Rate-Setting Process

- 12.1 Annual Adjustment
  - 12.1.1 What should be the information requirements?
  - 12.1.2 What should be the process, the timing, and the role of the stakeholders?
- 12.2 New Energy Services
  - 12.2.1 What should be the criteria to implement a new energy service?
  - 12.2.2 What should be the information requirements for a new energy service?
- 12.3 Changes in Rate Design
  - 12.3.1 What should be the criteria for changes in rate design?

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- 12.3.2 How should the change in the rate design be implemented?
- 12.3.3 What should be the information requirements for a change in rate design?

# 12.4 Non-Energy Services

- 12.4.1 Should the charges for these services be included in the IR mechanism?
- 12.4.2 If not, what should be the criteria for adjusting these charges?
- 12.4.3 What should be the criteria to implement new non-energy services?
- 12.4.4 What should be the information requirements for new non-energy services?

#### 13. Rebasing

- 13.1 What information should the Board consider and stakeholders be provided with at the time of rebasing?
- 13.2 Should there be an opportunity to negotiate an extension of the IR plan with rebasing as the default option?
- 13.3 If so, what should be the criteria for an extension?
- 13.4 What should be the process and the role of the Board and stakeholders?

## 14. Adjustments to Base Year Revenue Requirements and/or Rates (contested)

- 14.1 Are there adjustments that should be made to base year revenue requirements and/or rates?
- 14.2 If so, how should these adjustments be made?