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Via Email

Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor
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Attention: Ms. Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is an application and evidence from Natural Resource Gas Limited ("NRG") concerning the final disposition of certain fiscal 2008 year-end deferral and variance account balances.

NRG proposes that the impacts which result from the disposition of the 2008 deferral and variance account balances be implemented at the beginning of the first or second month following the Board decision. This would allow NRG the time needed to make the necessary programming changes to the billing system.

These deferral and variance accounts were last disposed of by the Board in its EB-2008-0051 Decision and Order dated November 17, 2008.

If you have any questions concerning this application and evidence, please contact me.

Yours truly,
Natural Resource Gas Limited

Per: Laurie O'Meara,
Controller

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4 **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

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

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9 **AND IN THE MATTER OF** an Application by
10 Natural Resource Gas Limited for an order or
11 orders to dispense with the balances in the non-
12 commodity related deferral accounts as of
13 September 30, 2008.
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16 **1. INTRODUCTION**

17 Section 36(4.2) of the OEB Act states that each distributor shall provide the information
18 annually about its non-commodity deferral or variance accounts to the Board to permit
19 them to make an order that determines how the balances are to be reflected in rates.
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21 Within the Quarterly Rate Adjustment Mechanism ("QRAM") process, the Purchased
22 Gas Commodity Variance Account ("PGCVA") and the Gas Purchase Rebalancing
23 Account ("GPRA") are each adjusted on a regular basis to bring their balances down to
24 close to zero on a rolling twelve month forward basis.
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26 The non-commodity variance/deferral accounts that the company had in fiscal 2008 are
27 the Purchased Gas Transportation Variance Account ("PGTVA") and the Regulatory
28 Expense Deferral Account ("REDA").
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30 **II – REGULATORY EXPENSE DEFERRAL ACCOUNT**

31 The REDA has a fiscal 2008 year-end balance of \$71,675 plus interest of \$156 and it is
32 proposed that no disposition of this account be made at this time. NRG recommends that
33 this account be continued to record the cost to NRG of generic regulatory matters that
34 may result in costs being incurred by NRG.
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NRG intends to request clearance of the balance in this account as part of its next main rates case application, which is expected to be filed later this year.

III – PURCHASED GAS TRANSPORTATION VARIANCE ACCOUNT

This account is used to record the difference between the unit cost of all gas transportation costs purchased by NRG each month and the weighted average forecast cost of \$0.019029 per m³, as approved by the Board in EB-2005-0544.

The PGTVA has a debit balance of \$22,395.26 as of September 30, 2008, less a credit of \$2,079.65 in accumulated interest for a total debit of \$20,315.61. This information was filed with the QRAM application for the quarter commencing January 1, 2009 (EB-2008-0377). A copy of Schedule 10 of that QRAM application is attached to this application as Appendix A.

a) IGPC Ethanol Inc.

As the Board is aware, NRG added a large industrial customer in July, 2008. This customer, IGPC Ethanol Inc. ("IGPC"), is connected to a distribution line that serves only the ethanol plant. This dedicated line is connected to the Union Gas ("Union") distribution system independent of the other connection points between Union and NRG. There is also a separate M9 delivery contract between Union and NRG for the volumes that flow through this dedicated line to IGPC.

The volumes that flow to IGPC are substantially larger than the volumes flowing to all of the other customers of NRG combined. As well, IGPC has a substantially higher load factor than the other customers served by NRG.

More than 90% of the costs paid to Union for the M9 delivery service are demand charges that are independent of the volumes delivered. This means that for a high load factor customer such as IGPC, the average cost per cubic meter associated with this delivery service is significantly lower than it is for other customers served by NRG. As a result, NRG believes it is appropriate to calculate the balance in the PGTVA associated

1 with the IGPC separately and recover/rebate any balances associated with IGPC separate
2 from the other customers.

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4 The debit balance associated with the transportation costs on Union to serve IGPC in
5 fiscal 2008 is shown in Appendix B. The balance in this account is a debit of \$50,909.00,
6 including a debit balance of \$150.35 in accumulated interest.

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8 This debit balance reflects that IGPC was in start up mode in the July through September,
9 2008 period and was not yet at full production, resulting in actual prices per cubic meter
10 substantially above the Board approved revenue price of \$0.019029 per m³. Full
11 production began at the plant in late September.

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13 **b) Balances Excluding IGPC**

14 The fiscal 2008 year end balance in the PGTVA, excluding IGPC, is shown in the table
15 below.

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\$'s	PGTVA	Interest	Total PGTVA
All Customers	(22,395.26)	2,079.65	(20,315.61)
less IGPC	(50,758.65)	(150.35)	(50,909.00)
Customers excl. IGPC	28,363.39	2,230.00	30,593.39

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18 As this table illustrates, after the removal of the debit balance associated with IGPC, there
19 is a credit applicable to all other customers of \$30,593.39, including \$2,230.00 in
20 associated interest.

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22 **c) Disposition Proposals**

23 **i) Customers Excluding IGPC**

24 It is the company proposal to clear the credit portion of this account by way of a one-time
25 rebate to all customers, excluding IGPC, based on their actual fiscal 2008 delivery
26 volumes. Based on the final fiscal 2008 delivery volumes (excluding IGPC) of

27 21,089,072 m³, this would result in a rebate of \$0.001451 per m³ delivered in fiscal 2008.

28 It is anticipated that this adjustment would appear on customers' bills in the first or

1 second month subsequent to this proposal being accepted by the Board. This would
2 allow sufficient time to make the necessary programming changes to the billing system.

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4 Based on actual consumption levels in fiscal 2008, the typical rebate for a Rate 1
5 residential customer will be \$2.82. The typical rebate for an average Rate 1 commercial
6 customer will be \$15.10.

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8 ii) IGPC

9 As noted above at the end of fiscal 2008, there was an amount to be recovered from IGPC
10 related to the PGTVAs of \$50,909.00 including accumulated interest.

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12 NRG does not propose to recover this amount from IGPC as part of this proceeding.
13 When at full production, the average cost per cubic meter associated with the
14 transportation costs on the Union system to NRG are significantly lower than the Board
15 approved reference price of \$0.019029 per m³. This results in a credit to IGPC each
16 month that the ethanol plant is operating at full production. The debit balance at the end
17 of fiscal 2008 is now a credit balance and is expected to be a credit balance at the end of
18 fiscal 2009.

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20 If NRG were to collect the debit balance at the end of fiscal 2008 from IGPC it would
21 result in a larger credit to be refunded to them at the end of 2009. The variance in the
22 PGTVAs associated with IGPC will be minimized by carrying the 2008 balance into 2009
23 and using it to offset a portion of the credit that accrues in fiscal 2009.

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25 d) Continuation

26 NRG proposes that this account be continued in fiscal 2009 to track the variance between
27 the unit cost of all gas transportation purchased by NRG each month and NRG's
28 weighted average cost of all gas transportation of \$0.019209 per m³, as approved by the
29 Board in EB-2005-0544.

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40 **NATURAL RESOURCE GAS LIMITED**

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45 General Manager

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APPENDIX B

NATURAL RESOURCE GAS LIMITED

PURCHASED GAS TRANSPORTATION VARIATION ACCOUNT - FISCAL 2008
IGPC ETHANOL PLANT
PROJECTED YEAR-END BALANCE FISCAL 2008

Actual/ Forecast	Month	Purchase Cost (\$s)	M*3	Actual Price (\$/M*3)	Reference Price (\$/M*3)	Unit Rate Difference (\$/M*3)	Monthly PGTVA (\$s)	Y-T-D PGTVA (\$s) (1)	Monthly Interest (\$s)	Y-T-D Interest (\$s) (2)	Total PGTVA (\$s)	Total Y-T-D PGTVA (\$s)
Actual	October	0	0	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Actual	November	0	0	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Actual	December	0	0	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Actual	January	0	0	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Actual	February	0	0	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Actual	March	0	0	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Actual	April	0	0	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Actual	May	0	0	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Actual	June	0	0	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Actual	July	18,294	23,638	0.773925	0.019029	-0.754896	(17,844.23)	(17,844.23)	0.00	0.00	(17,844.23)	(17,844.23)
Actual	August	18,167	0	1,816,693	0.019029	-1,816,693	(18,166.93)	(36,011.16)	(49.82)	(49.82)	(18,216.75)	(36,060.98)
Actual	September	19,514	250,467	0.077909	0.019029	-0.058880	(14,747.49)	(50,758.65)	(100.53)	(150.35)	(14,848.02)	(50,909.00)
	Total	55,975	274,105	0.204209	0.019029	-0.185180	(50,758.65)	(50,758.65)	(150.35)	(150.35)	(50,909.00)	(50,909.00)

PGTVA Balance per M*3 Purchased (\$/M*3)

(\$0.185728)

(1) Includes balance of 0.00 from Fiscal 2007 PGTVA.
(2) Includes balance of 0.00 from Fiscal 2007 PGTVA.

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APPENDIX A

Dec., 2008
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Schedule 10

NATURAL RESOURCE GAS LIMITED

PURCHASED GAS TRANSPORTATION VARIANCE ACCOUNT - PROJECTED BALANCE

TWELVE MONTH PERIOD - JANUARY, 2008 TO DECEMBER, 2008

Act/Fcst	Month	Purchase Cost (\$'s)	Actual/Forecast Price (\$/M*3)	Reference Price (\$/M*3)	Unit Rate Difference (\$/M*3)	Monthly PGTV (\$'s)	Y-T-D PGTV (\$'s)	Monthly Interest (\$'s)	Y-T-D Interest (\$'s)	Total PGTV (\$'s)	Total Y-T-D PGTV (\$'s)	Average Residential Consumption (M*3)
			M*3				(1)		(2)			
Actual	January	13,605	3,231,555	0.004210	0.019029	0.014819	68,274.92	87.32	82.57	47,975.73	68,357.49	324.3
Actual	February	41,835	3,306,417	0.012653	0.019029	0.006376	89,356.64	292.44	375.01	21,374.16	89,731.65	328.3
Actual	March	40,054	2,928,631	0.013677	0.019029	0.005352	105,030.68	382.74	757.75	16,056.78	105,788.43	295.1
Actual	April	32,065	1,355,278	0.023659	0.019029	(0.004630)	98,755.74	357.10	1,114.85	(5,917.84)	99,870.59	148.6
Actual	May	28,474	909,244	0.031317	0.019029	(0.012288)	87,582.95	335.77	1,450.62	(10,837.02)	89,033.57	86.3
Actual	June	28,522	479,521	0.059479	0.019029	(0.040450)	68,186.33	297.78	1,748.40	(19,098.84)	69,934.73	48.3
Actual	July	33,417	436,731	0.076517	0.019029	(0.057488)	43,079.54	190.35	1,938.75	(24,916.44)	45,018.29	34.4
Actual	August	47,298	610,230	0.077508	0.019029	(0.058479)	7,393.89	120.26	2,059.01	(35,565.39)	9,452.90	36.6
Actual	September	49,662	1,044,317	0.047554	0.019029	(0.028525)	(29,789.15)	20.64	2,079.65	(29,768.51)	(20,315.61)	43.6
Actual	October	66,087	4,107,387	0.016090	0.019029	0.002939	12,071.61	0.00	0.00	12,071.61	12,071.61	108.9
Forecast	November	70,081	5,080,698	0.013794	0.019029	0.005235	38,669.06	33.70	33.70	26,631.15	38,702.76	202.7
Forecast	December	73,453	5,654,298	0.012991	0.019029	0.006038	34,140.65	107.95	141.65	34,248.60	72,951.36	321.8
	Total	524,551	29,144,307	0.017998			30,027.94	2,226.05	141.65	32,253.99	72,951.36	1,978.9

PGTV/A Balance per M*3 Purchased (\$/M*3) \$0.002503
Forecast Average Residential Consumption per Customer 1,978.9 M*3
Estimated Impact on Average Residential Customer \$4.95 Customer Rebate

(1) Includes balance of 20,386.51 as of December, 2007
(2) Includes balance of (4.75) as of December, 2007