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## via RESS and courier

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Ms. Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street, Suite 2700 Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Re: EB-2009-0163

Consultation on Proposed Changes to the Natural Gas Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements: Gas Marketer Licence Requirements

Shell Energy North America (Canada) Inc. ("Shell Energy") submits these comments in response to the request issued by the Ontario Energy Board ("Board") on September 21, 2009.

Given the nature of the proposed changes, the Board and stakeholders would have benefited from a more informal consultation prior to the issuance of the current proposal. This may have addressed some of the concerns that will be raised, and narrowed the need for the filing of formal comments. It may have also provided stakeholders a better appreciation for the intended purpose of the changes and why implementation is desired within such a short timeframe. The proposed effective date of January 1, 2010 may not provide enough time for the consideration of concerns, and the implementation of process changes by gas marketers.

New section 2.1.2 needs to be qualified in the same fashion as section 2.1.1, with an explicit statement that the reporting requirements only apply to the business activities of the gas marketer related to low volume consumers. This currently voluntary information is appropriately only requested as it relates to low volume consumers, and this practice should continue.

Sincerely,

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