

EB-2010-0018

# NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND HEARING NATURAL RESOURCE GAS LIMITED 2011 RATES APPLICATION

Natural Resource Gas Limited ("NRG" or the "applicant") has filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board, (the "Board") dated, February 10, 2010 under section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule B), for an order of the Board approving or fixing rates for the sale, distribution, transmission and storage of natural gas for the Applicant's 2011 fiscal year commencing effective October 1, 2010. The Board has assigned the application File No. EB-2010-0018.

As part of this application NRG is seeking approval of a five year incentive rate mechanism starting October 1, 2010. NRG has indicated that if the application is approved as filed, a typical residential customer would experience an annual increase of \$22.60 (or 5.05%) to the delivery portion of the bill. The rate change would take effect on October 1, 2010.

The Board will deal with any changes to the commodity cost of natural gas for customers that purchase gas directly from NRG through the Quarterly Rate Adjustment Mechanism.

### How to see NRG's Pre-filed Evidence

Copies of the application are available for inspection at the Board's office in Toronto and on its website, www.oeb.gov.on.ca, and at NRG's office.

### **How to Participate**

You may participate in this proceeding in one of three ways:

## 1. Send a Letter with your Comments to the Board

Your letter with comments will be provided to the Board Panel deciding the application, and will be part of the public record for the application. Your letter must be received by the Board no later than **30 days** from the publication or service date of this notice. The Board accepts letters of comment by either post or e-mail at the addresses below.

### 2. Become an Observer

Observers do not actively participate in the proceeding but monitor the progress of the proceeding by receiving documents issued by the Board. You may request observer status in order to receive documents issued by the Board in this proceeding. If you become an observer, you need to contact the applicant and others in order to receive documents that they file in this proceeding and they may charge you for this. Most documents filed in this application will also be available on the Board's website. Your request for observer status must be made in writing and be received by the Board no later than **10 days** from the publication or service date of this notice. The Board accepts observer request letters by either post or e-mail at the addresses below; however two paper copies are also required. You must also provide a copy of your letter to the applicant.

### 3. Become an Intervenor

You may ask to become an intervenor if you wish to actively participate in the proceeding. Intervenors are eligible to receive evidence and other material submitted by participants in the hearing. Likewise, intervenors will be expected to send copies of any material they file to all parties to the hearing.

Your request for intervenor status must be made by letter of intervention and be received by the Board no later than **10 days** from the publication or service date of this notice. Your letter of intervention must include a description of how you are, or may be, affected by the outcome of this proceeding; and if you represent a group, a description of the group and its membership. The Board may order costs in this proceeding. You must indicate in your letter of intervention whether you expect to seek costs from the applicant and the grounds for your eligibility for costs. You must provide a copy of your letter of intervention to the applicant.

If you already have a user ID, please submit your intervention request through the Board's web portal at <a href="https://www.errr.oeb.gov.on.ca">www.errr.oeb.gov.on.ca</a>. Additionally, two paper copies

are required. If you do not have a user ID, please visit the Board's website under e-filings and fill out a user ID password request. For instructions on how to submit and naming conventions please refer to the RESS Document Guidelines found at <a href="www.oeb.gov.on.ca">www.oeb.gov.on.ca</a>, e-Filing Services. The Board also accepts interventions by e-mail, at the address below, and again, two additional paper copies are required. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit their intervention request on a CD or diskette in PDF format, along with two paper copies.

# **How to Contact Us**

In responding to this Notice, please reference Board file number EB-2010-0018 in the subject line of your e-mail or at the top of your letter. It is also important that you provide your name, postal address and telephone number and, if available, an e-mail address and fax number. 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.

## **Need More Information?**

Further information on how to participate may be obtained by visiting the Board's website at www.oeb.gov.on.ca or by calling our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727.

## **IMPORTANT**

IF YOU DO NOT FILE AN OBJECTION TO THE PROCESS AS OUTLINED OR DO NOT REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, THE BOARD MAY PROCEED IN YOUR ABSENCE AND YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY FURTHER NOTICE IN THIS PROCEEDING.

### **Addresses**

### The Board:

Post:

Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319 2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor Toronto ON M4P 1E4 Attention: Board Secretary

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Tel: 1-888-632-6273 (toll free)

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**DATED** at Toronto, March 01, 2010

### **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

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