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June 3, 2010

**VIA MAIL and E-MAIL** 

Ms. Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319 2300 Yonge St. Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)
Notice of Intervention: EB-2010-0055 -Union Gas Limited ("Union") Application for Approval of 2011 Natural Gas Demand Side Management Plan

Please find enclosed the Notice of Intervention of the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) in the above-noted proceeding. We have also be directed a copy of the same to the Applicant. We apologize for the late request for intervenor status, it was purely through inadvertence.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

Michael Buonaguro Counsel for VECC

cc: Mr. Chris Ripley, Manager, Regulatory Applications, Union Gas (via email)

## **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

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

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application of Union Gas Limited as filed with the Ontario Energy Board, dated April 30, 2010 seeking an

order granting approval of its 2011 Natural Gas Demand Side Management ("DSM") plan.

## NOTICE OF INTERVENTION

**OF** 

## **VULNERABLE ENERGY CONSUMERS COALITION (VECC)**

To: Ms. Kirsten Walli Board Secretary

And to: Mr. Chris Ripley, Manager, Regulatory Applications, Union Gas (via email)

- The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) hereby expresses its intention to intervene and participate in the above-mentioned proceeding.
   VECC consists of the following organizations:
  - (a) The Federation of Metro Tenants Association
  - (b) The Ontario Coalition of Senior Citizens' Organizations (OCSCO)
- 2. The Federation of the Metro Tenants Association is a non-profit corporation composed of over ninety-two affiliated tenants associations, individual tenants, housing organizations, and members of non-profit

housing co-oops. In addition to encouraging the organization of tenants and the promotion of decent and affordable housing, the Federation provides general information, advice, and assistance to tenants. The address is:

500-27 Carlton Street Toronto, ON M5B 1L2

3. The Ontario Coalition of Senior Citizens' Organizations (OCSCO) is a coalition of over 120 senior groups as well as individual members across Ontario. OCSCO represents the concerns of over 500,000 senior citizens through its group and individual members. OCSCO's mission is to improve the quality of life for Ontario's seniors. OCSCO's address is:

660 Briar Hill Avenue, Suite 207 Toronto, ON M6B 4B7

4. The name and address of the agent authorized to receive documents on behalf of VECC is:

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5. VECC would request that all correspondence and documentation also be copied to VECC's consultant:

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- 6. VECC has accessed the electronic version of the Application materials as filed on the OEB's web site. VECC requests that electronic copies of any additional supporting materials be forwarded to each of the two parties named above.
- 7. VECC is a member of Union Gas' DSM Consultative and is intervening in order to ensure that consumer interests and in particular the interests of the low-income and vulnerable users of gas are fully represented in the review of the proposed 2011 DSM Plan.
- 8. VECC will be requesting an award of costs for its participation in this proceeding and believes that, as a coalition representing the direct interests of consumers, it meets the eligibility criteria set out in the Ontario Energy Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure (Section 41) and its' Practice Direction on Cost Awards (Section 3.03).

DATED AT TORONTO, THIS 3rd DAY OF June 2010