



Low-Income Energy Network

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Ms. Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
By email and RESS

Re: EB-2010-0055 Union Gas 2011 DSM Plan—LIEN Late Intervention

Dear Ms. Walli:

The Low-Income Energy Network (LIEN) represents more than 40 member groups across Ontario. As a network representing the intersection of interests related to low-income consumers and energy and sustainability, LIEN's focus is on reducing the energy bills of all low-income consumers. This helps to ensure that all low-income consumers across Ontario have access to conservation programs, technologies and services as well as conservation education, and realize the environmental, energy and economic benefits associated with the more efficient use of energy. To achieve these objectives, low-income consumers require a comprehensive array of assistance that includes: aggressive conservation and demand management/demand side management (CDM/DSM) defined as providing deep energy savings per low-income consumer and broad consumer participation across the province, consumer protection policies and education, bill assistance, and emergency financial assistance.

LIEN is seeking to intervene late in this matter and requests that LIEN be found eligible for costs. LIEN had assumed that the 2011 plan would continue to be an extension of the 2010 plan, until the new natural gas guidelines were in place and direction was received on the next steps regarding low-income DSM. Now that the Minister has provided new and renewed direction regarding low-income DSM, LIEN would like to intervene in this proceeding. The Minister, in his letters to the OPA and Board on July 5th, called for an enhanced low-income DSM program for 2011 and more aggressive natural gas DSM efforts. LIEN is of the view that the Board may wish to address these letters either during the current or a future phase of the proceeding. Therefore, LIEN would like the opportunity to participate in this proceeding. LIEN, through Judy Simon of IndEco, has been in contact with Chris Ripley, Manager Regulatory Applications of Union Gas, regarding LIEN's intention to file this late intervenor status request and Mr. Ripley has advised that he has no objection to this request.

LIEN is aware that the interrogatory process has begun and Union's responses are due on July 20th. LIEN will not have any interrogatories.



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