



EB-2010-0366

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

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Natural
Resource Gas Limited for an order or orders
approving or fixing just and reasonable rates and
other charges for the sale, distribution and
transmission of gas as of January 1, 2011;

AND IN THE MATTER OF the Quarterly Rate
Adjustment Mechanism.

**NOTICE OF HEARING
AND
PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1**

Natural Resource Gas Limited (“NRG”) filed an application on December 3, 2010 with the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) for an order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable rates and other charges for the sale, distribution, and transmission of gas (the “Application”). The Application was made pursuant to NRG’s approved Quarterly Rate Adjustment Mechanism (“QRAM”) and has been given Board File No. EB-2010-0366.

NRG seeks the following, effective January 1, 2011:

- an order decreasing the reference price for use in determining amounts to be recorded in the Purchased Gas Commodity Variance Account (PGCVA: Account No. 179-27) by \$0.039017 per m³ from the Board approved level of **\$0.267163** per m³ to **\$0.228146** per m³; and
- an order decreasing the gas supply charge by \$0.044878 per m³ from the Board approved level of **\$0.270425** per m³ to **\$0.225547** per m³ to

prospectively clear balances in the Gas Purchase Rebalancing Account (GPRA).

NRG has provided written evidence in support of the proposed changes contained in the Application. The Application and pre-filed evidence have been provided by NRG to all parties of record in NRG's most recent rates proceeding, EB-2010-0018.

The Board will proceed in this matter by way of a written hearing and the application will be decided by the Manager, License Applications, who has been delegated this authority pursuant to section 6 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule B).

The Board instructs NRG to follow the guidelines established in the Amended Decision and Order dated September 21, 2009 (EB-2008-0106). This proceeding dealt with methodologies for commodity pricing, load balancing and cost allocation for natural gas distributors. The Board directs NRG to make the appropriate changes in future QRAM applications according to the process established in EB-2008-0106.

All written submissions sent to the Board will be placed on the public record, which means that the written submissions will be available for viewing at the Board's offices and will be placed on the Board's website.

If the written submission is from a private citizen (i.e., not a lawyer representing a client, not a consultant representing a client or organization, not an individual in an organization that represents the interests of consumers or other groups, and not an individual from a regulated entity), before placing the written submission on the public record, the Board will remove any personal (i.e., not business) contact information from the written submission (i.e., the address, fax number, phone number, and e-mail address of the individual). However, the name of the individual and the content of the written submission will become part of the public record.

As stated elsewhere in this notice, you must provide a complete copy of your written submission (including your name, contact information, and everything written in the submission) to the applicant.

Parties that meet the Board's eligibility criteria contained in the Practice Direction on Cost Awards may submit costs with supporting rationale as to how their participation contributed to the Board's ability to decide on this matter.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. NRG shall immediately issue a copy of the Application and a copy of this Notice to all intervenors of record in EB-2010-0018, if they have not already been served.
2. Parties to this proceeding wishing to make comments on the Application may do so by filing such submissions with the Board Secretary, and deliver it to the applicant and other intervenors no later than 4:45 pm, **Friday, December 17, 2010**.
3. NRG shall reply to any comments received by filing such replies with the Board Secretary and serving a copy on all parties who make submissions no later than 4:45 pm, **Monday, December 20, 2010**.
4. All filings to the Board must quote file number **EB-2010-0366**, be made through the Board's web portal at www.errr.oeb.gov.on.ca, and consist of two paper copies and one electronic copy in searchable / unrestricted PDF format. Filings must clearly state the sender's name, postal address and telephone number, fax number and e-mail address. Please use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guideline found at www.oeb.gov.on.ca. If the web portal is not available you may email your document to the address below. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit all filings on a CD in PDF format, along with two paper copies. Those who do not have computer access are required to file 7 paper copies.

IMPORTANT: If you do not file any comments in response to this notice, the Board may proceed without your participation and you will not be entitled to any further notice of these proceedings.

ISSUED at Toronto December 15, 2010

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary