Ontario Energy Board Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario



EB-2011-0327

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

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an application by Union Gas Limited seeking approval of its 2012-2014 Demand Side Management plan.

## PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 4

Union Gas Limited ("Union Gas") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on September 23, 2011, seeking approval for its 2012-2014 Demand Side Management ("DSM") plan.

The Board has assigned file number EB-2011-0327 to this application.

The application has been filed pursuant to the Board's DSM Guidelines that were issued on June 30, 2011. Union Gas is seeking approval of a 2012 DSM budget of \$30.954M, including the specific programs and the associated evaluation plans and accounting.

On October 13, 2011 the Board issued a Notice of Application.

On November 4, 2011 the Board issued Procedural Order No. 1 which allowed for parties to file submissions on both the draft issues list and Union's request for interim approval.

On November 16, 2011 the Board issued its Decision regarding Union's request for interim approval of parts of its 2012-2014 DSM plan.

On November 18, 2011 the Board issued Procedural Order No. 2 that included its Decision on the Issues List. The Board also set out dates for interrogatories, a Settlement Conference, and oral hearing dates.

On December 19 and 20, 2011 parties sat for a Settlement Conference. As part of Procedural Order No. 2, the Board ordered that any settlement agreement that resulted from the Settlement Conference needed to be filed on or before Friday, January 20, 2012.

On January 16, 2012 Union filed a letter seeking an extension to the filing date of any settlement or partial settlement agreement from January 20, 2012 to January 27, 2012. The Board accepted Union's request for an extension and postponed the hearing date to review any Settlement Proposal from Monday, January 30, 2012 to Tuesday, January 31, 2012.

On January 26, 2012 Union filed a letter seeking a second extension to the filing date of any settlement or partial settlement agreement from January 27, 2012 to January 31, 2012. The Board accepts Union's request for an extension, however the Board is not inclined to grant any further extensions past Tuesday, January 31, 2012. The Board will subsequently postpone the hearing date to review any Settlement Proposal from Tuesday, January 31, 2012 to Friday, February 3, 2012.

The Board finds that it is necessary to make the following guidance on the next steps in the proceeding.

## THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- 1. If there is a settlement or a partial settlement agreement forthcoming from the Settlement Conference, then that agreement shall be filed with the Board no later than 4:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, January 31, 2012**.
- The Board will sit on Friday, February 3, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. in the Board's North Hearing Room on the 25<sup>th</sup> Floor at 2300 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ontario to review any Settlement Proposal.
- 3. Absent a complete settlement that is accepted by the Board, the oral hearing in this proceeding will remain unchanged and will begin on **Monday, February 13**,

**2012** at 9:30 am in the Board's North Hearing Room on the 25th Floor at 2300 Yonge Street, Toronto, ON.

All filings to the Board must quote the file number, EB-2011-0327, be made through the Board's web portal at www.errr.ontarioenergyboard.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 Guidelines found at www.ontarioenergyboard.ca. If the web portal is not available you may e-mail 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.

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.

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DATED at Toronto, January 26, 2012

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