

EB-2011-0210

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, pursuant to section 36(1) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, for an order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable rates and other charges for the sale, distribution, transmission and storage of gas as of January 1, 2013.

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 8 AND INTERIM RATE ORDER

Union Gas Limited ("Union" or the "Applicant") filed an application on November 10, 2011 with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") under section 36 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998 for an order of the Board approving or fixing rates for the distribution, transmission and storage of natural gas, effective January 1, 2013 (the "Application"). The Board assigned file number EB-2011-0210 to the Application and issued a Notice of Application on December 1, 2011.

The Board issued a Decision on Union's 2013 rates on October 25, 2012. In the Decision, the Board ordered Union to file a Draft Rate Order within 42 days of the date of the Decision.

Union filed a letter on November 21, 2012 requesting a one week extension to file the Draft Rate Order in order to incorporate changes related to the January 1, 2013 QRAM application into its Draft Rate Order. The Board accepts Union's request and will grant the required extension.

Considering that the Draft Rate Order will be filed in the second week of December and additional time will be required to accommodate the filing of comments and responses by Union, it will not be possible for the Board to issue a Final Rate Order before January 1, 2013. The Board therefore orders Union's current rates to be made interim until the Board issues a Rate Order determining 2013 rates.

The Board considers it necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding. The Board may issue further procedural orders from time to time.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- 1. The existing 2012 distribution rates of Union are to be made interim effective January 1, 2013.
- 2. Union shall file with the Board, and shall also forward to all intervenors a Draft Rate Order attaching a proposed Tariff of Rates and Charges reflecting the Board's Decision of October 25th on or before December 13, 2012. The Draft Rate Order shall also include customer rate impacts and detailed supporting information showing the calculation of the final rates.
- 3. The Draft Rate Order shall also include draft accounting orders related to the deferral accounts set up or approved by the Board in this Decision.
- 4. The intervenors shall file any comments on the Draft Rate Order with the Board and forward them to Union on or before December 31, 2012.
- 5. Union shall file with the Board and forward to the intervenors responses to any comments on its Draft Rate Order on or before January 8, 2013.

All filings to the Board must quote the file number, **EB-2011-0210**, be made through the Board's web portal at https://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/, 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. Parties must use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guideline found at http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry. If the web portal is not available parties may email their documents 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.

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 November 26, 2012 **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

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