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Dear Ms. Walli:

Union Gas Limited – 2013-2014 Large Volume DSM Plan (EB-2012-0337)

On behalf of Association of Power Producers of Ontario ("APPrO"), we are writing to request an extension of time for filing its intervenor evidence.

Upon receiving Procedural Order No. 2 (issued on November 2, 2012), APPrO consulted with its member companies and subsequently retained Navigant Consulting to prepare APPrO's evidence in this proceeding. As an association, member consultation and approval is a sine qua non for any regulatory intervention. This week, Navigant has confirmed that, despite its best efforts, it will not be in a position to complete the evidence by the December 7th deadline. The evidence being prepared is a significant undertaking, requiring extensive research, data compilation and analysis. It also involves the carrying out of a survey that will take longer than the five weeks provided by Procedural Order No. 2.

In light of these facts, we respectfully request that the Board extend the deadline for filing its intervenor evidence to <u>Friday, December 14th, 2012</u>. APPrO and Navigant remain committed to meeting the Board's timeline for hearing dates and proposes the following revised schedule, which we believe should not prejudice any parties to the proceeding

- Intervenor evidence filed by December 14th, 2012;
- Interrogatories on intervenor evidence filed by December 21st, 2012;
- Interrogatory responses filed by January 11th, 2012;
- Settlement Conference on January 15th (and January 16th if necessary), as per Procedural Order No. 2;
- Settlement Agreement (if any) filed by January 25^{th,} as per Procedural Order No. 2; and
- Hearing begins January 31st, 2012, as per Procedural Order No. 2.

This proceeding is very important to APPrO's members (with potentially large financial ramifications), and the evidence being prepared by Navigant will form a key part of the record for APPrO.

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We will continue to work diligently on this matter.

Yours very truly,

Original signed by

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cc: All Interested parties