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Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge St., 27<sup>th</sup> Floor Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Attn: Ms Kirsten Walli Board Secretary

By electronic filing and e-mail

Dear Ms Walli:

Re: EB-2012-0433/EB-2012-0451/EB-2013-0074 Union/Gaz Metro Motion – GEC comments

GEC will not be participating in the motion in regard to the applicability of STAR. However, assuming that the Board may find STAR applicable and turn to the question of next steps, GEC offers the following comment:

GEC's focus in this hearing is on the issue of the need and alternatives for Segment B. GEC has proposed DSM and other mechanisms as an alternative to all or part of Segment B. Given the need to ramp up DSM to meet the needs at Station B on the 2015 winter peak day, we submit that time is of the essence. GEC submits that the portion of the hearing pertaining to Station B and related facilities can be dealt with as a first phase while any consultations or open season processes for Segment A that the Board orders could proceed separately.

Sincerely,

**David Poch** 

All parties