



EB-2010-0018

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 Natural
Resource Gas Limited for an Order or Orders approving or
fixing just and reasonable rates and other charges for the
sale, distribution, transmission and storage of gas
commencing October 1, 2010

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Natural
Resource Gas Limited for an Order or Orders approving a
multi-year incentive rate mechanism plan

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 11

Natural Resource Gas Limited (“NRG” or the “Applicant”) filed an Application, dated February 10, 2010, with the Ontario Energy Board under section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, S.O. 1998, c.15, Schedule B. The Board assigned file number EB-2010-0018 to the Application. The Application sought approval for a revenue requirement and rates for the 2011 rate year, and for the approval of a four year Incentive Regulation Mechanism (“IRM”) for the period 2012-2015.

The Board issued a Notice of Application dated March 1, 2010. The Town of Aylmer, Union Gas Limited (“Union”), Integrated Grain Processors Co-Operative Inc. (“IGPC”) and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (“VECC”) applied for and were granted intervenor status.

The Board issued a Decision and Order on December 6, 2010 that determined rates for the 2011 rate year (effective October 1, 2010). The Board also accepted NRG’s request to address the IRM component of the Application for 2012 and beyond (and certain other discrete issues) in a second phase to the proceeding (“Phase 2”).

NRG filed a settlement agreement on November 11, 2011. NRG and the parties were able to reach a settlement on two of the three issues before the Board in Phase 2 of the proceeding. The issues that remained unsettled included the appropriate price for gas purchased from NRG Corp., a related company.

The Board issued its Phase 2 Decision on May 17, 2012. With respect to gas purchased from NRG Corp., a related company, the Board ordered NRG to complete an independent study that looks at all viable alternatives and conduct a robust sensitivity analysis.

The Board did not provide any procedural process for filing cost claims as the Board envisioned further involvement of intervenors through the establishment of a steering committee consisting of NRG, Board staff and intervenors to facilitate the completion of the independent study.

VECC, the only intervenor approved for cost eligibility, filed a cost claim on June 6, 2012. In consideration of the time that has lapsed and that the study has not been completed, the Board has determined that it will consider the cost claim of VECC at this time.

The Board considers it necessary to make provision for the following procedural matters. Please be aware that further procedural orders may be issued from time to time.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. NRG shall file with the Board and forward to the intervenors any objections to the claimed costs within 14 days from the date of this Procedural Order.
2. VECC shall file with the Board and forward to NRG any responses to any objections for cost claims within 21 days of the date of this Procedural Order.

All filings to the Board must quote file number **EB-2010-0018** and 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. Please use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guideline found at

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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, July 10, 2013

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