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**BY EMAIL**

July 31, 2013

Mr. Jack Howley  
General Manager  
Natural Resource Gas Limited  
39 Beech Street East  
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Dear Mr. Howley:

**Re: Status of Independent Study to be completed as per Board Order in  
EB-2010-0018, Phase 2**

Natural Resource Gas Limited ("NRG" or the "Company"), filed an application dated February 10, 2010 with the Ontario Energy Board under section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. c.15, for an Order or Orders approving or fixing just and reasonable rates and other charges for the sale, distribution, transmission and storage of gas for the 2011 fiscal year, commencing October 1, 2010. The Board assigned file number EB-2010-0018 to the Application.

In the Board's Decision and Order issued on May 17, 2012 with respect to Phase 2 of the proceeding, the Board ordered NRG to complete an independent study that would examine viable supply options within NRG's franchise area and conduct a more robust system integrity study. The Board further ordered the formation of a steering committee comprised of Board staff, intervenors and NRG to draft the terms of reference and a request for proposal.

The Board requires NRG to provide an update on the status of the independent study and a schedule that includes the remaining milestones and dates for the filing of the final report to the Board. The Board further directs NRG to file a response to this letter by August 9, 2013.

Yours truly,

*Original signed by*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary

c. Laurie O'Meara  
Richard King  
Intervenors in EB-2010-0018