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VIA RESS

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor
Toronto ON M4P 1E4

Re: EB-2012-0451, EB-2012-0333 and EB2013-074

Dear Ms. Walli:

I am writing on behalf of TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TransCanada).

Those who were in attendance at the pre-hearing conferences will recall that TransCanada has been in discussions with Union, Enbridge and Gaz Métro (the Eastern LDCs) to resolve outstanding disputes and reach an agreement on the terms on which TransCanada's shippers can obtain access to the gas supply and transportation options that they prefer. As noted in the letter filed today on behalf of the Eastern LDCs, a comprehensive settlement between the Eastern LDCs and TransCanada has just been reached and when formalized will be presented to the National Energy Board for approval.

The settlement will result in outcomes that TransCanada believes balance the interests of TransCanada and its stakeholders, including Ontario gas users, and accordingly TransCanada will support the facilities applied for by Union and Enbridge in these proceedings. This will have an impact on the progress of the hearing, because TransCanada will not be cross-examining any of the witness panels in these proceedings.

Also, TransCanada does not propose to call a witness panel of its own, but rather to seat a witness on what has (to date) been called the Joint LDC panel, in order to assist in explaining the terms of the settlement and its implications for the applications before the Board.

TransCanada will be available to further address this matter at the opening of the hearing tomorrow.

Yours very truly,

Gordon Cameron

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cc: All parties via RESS