



**EB-2006-0057**

**IN THE MATTER OF** *the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*,  
S.O. 1998, c. 15, Sched. B, section 92;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an Application by Union Gas  
concerning the final disposition and recovery of certain  
2005 year end deferral account balances and the 2005  
year end earnings sharing amount.

**Before:** Cynthia Chaplin  
Presiding Member

Paul Sommerville  
Member

### **INTERIM ORDER**

Union Gas Limited ("Union") filed an application (the "Application") on April 7, 2006 with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") seeking approval for final disposition and recovery of certain 2005 year-end deferral account balances and the 2005 year-end earnings sharing amount (collectively the "Accounts"). Union also proposes that the impacts which result from the disposition of the Accounts, be implemented on July 1, 2006 to align with other potential rate changes expected to result from the July QRAM proceeding.

The Accounts were last considered by the Board through an order dated June 10, 2005 (EB-2005-0211). Section 36(4.2) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, requires that, at least once every 12 months, the Board make an order determining whether and how amounts recorded in deferral or variance accounts not related to the commodity of gas shall be reflected in rates. The Board will be unable to reach a final decision and order in this case prior to the 12 month deadline. The Board therefore makes an interim order to not dispose of the Accounts and account for them in rates. Parties should be advised

that the Accounts may be disposed of and incorporated into rates through the Board's final decision in this proceeding.

ISSUED at Toronto, June 9, 2006

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original Signed by*

Peter H. O'Dell  
Assistant Board Secretary