

EB-2014-0271

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 Union Gas Limited, pursuant to section 36(1) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, for an order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable rates and other charges for the sale, distribution, transmission and storage of gas as of January 1, 2015.

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1

October 23, 2014

Union Gas Limited ("Union") filed an application on September 12, 2014 with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") pursuant to section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. c.15, Schedule B, for an order or orders approving rates for the distribution, transmission and storage of natural gas, effective January 1, 2015. The Board assigned the application File Number EB-2014-0271.

In July 2013, Union filed an application requesting approval of a multi-year Incentive Ratemaking framework. The application included a comprehensive Settlement Agreement between Union and stakeholders. The Board accepted the Settlement Agreement as filed. Union's current application for 2015 rates is based on the framework agreed to in the Settlement Agreement.

The Board issued a Notice of Application and Hearing on September 18, 2014. The last date for intervention was October 20, 2014. The following parties applied for intervenor status (* denotes a request for cost eligibility):

- Association of Power Producers of Ontario ("APPrO")*
- Building Owners and Managers Association Toronto ("BOMA")*
- Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters ("CME")*
- City of Kitchener ("Kitchener")*
- Consumers Council of Canada ("CCC")*
- Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. ("Enbridge")
- Energy Probe Research Foundation ("Energy Probe")*
- Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario ("FRPO")*
- London Property Management Association ("LPMA")*
- Ontario Association of Physical Plant Administrators ("OAPPA")*
- Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers ("OGVG")*
- School Energy Coalition ("SEC")*
- Shell Energy North America (Canada) Inc. ("Shell Energy")
- Six Nations Natural Gas Company Limited ("SNNG")
- TransCanada Pipelines Limited ("TCPL")
- TransCanada Energy Ltd. ("TCE")
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC")*
- Jason F. Stacey

No objections were received regarding the requests for intervenor status or cost eligibility.

All parties that requested intervenor status in this proceeding are granted intervenor status. The list of intervenors in this proceeding is attached as Appendix "A" to this procedural order.

APPrO, BOMA, CME, CCC, Energy Probe, FRPO, LPMA, OAPPA, OGVG, SEC and VECC are each eligible to apply for an award of costs under the Board's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*. As a municipality, the City of Kitchener is not eligible for a cost award by virtue of section 3.05(i) of the Board's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

I consider it necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding. The Board may issue further procedural orders from time to time.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- Board staff and intervenors who wish information and material from Union that is in addition to Union's pre-filed evidence, and that is relevant to the hearing, shall request it by written interrogatories filed with the Board and delivered to Union and all intervenors on or before Friday, October 31, 2014.
- Union shall file with the Board complete responses to the interrogatories and deliver them to the intervenors and Board staff no later than Tuesday, November 11, 2014.
- 3. Unless otherwise ordered by the Board, a Settlement Conference will be convened on Friday, November 14, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. with the objective of reaching a settlement among the parties on the issues. The Settlement Conference will be held in the Board's hearing room at 2300 Yonge Street, 25th Floor, Toronto.
- 4. Any Settlement Proposal arising from the Settlement Conference shall be filed with the Board no later than **Monday**, **November 24**, **2014**.

All filings to the Board must quote the file number, EB-2014-0271 and be made electronically in searchable/unrestricted PDF format through the Board's web portal at https://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/. Two paper copies must also be filed. Filings must clearly state the sender's name, postal address and telephone number, fax number and e-mail address. Parties must use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guideline found at http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry. If the web portal is not available, parties may email their documents to the address below. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit all filings on a CD in PDF format, along with two paper copies. Those who do not have computer access are required to file 7 paper copies.

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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Union Gas Limited

With respect to distribution lists for all electronic correspondence and materials related to this proceeding, parties must include the Case Manager, Khalil Viraney at Khalil.Viraney@ontarioenergyboard.ca and Board Counsel, Michael Millar at Michael.Millar@ontarioenergyboard.ca

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DATED at Toronto, October 23, 2014

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

By delegation, before: Kristi Sebalj

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Kristi Sebalj Registrar Appendix 'A'

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Applicant and List of Intervenors

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