



ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

BOARD STAFF SUBMISSION ON DRAFT RATE ORDER

UNION GAS LIMITED

2013 DEFERRAL ACCOUNT DISPOSITION

Board File No. EB-2014-0145

November 18, 2014

Introduction

Union Gas Limited (“Union”) filed an application dated May 2, 2014 with the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) under section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. c.15, Schedule B, for an order of the Board approving the final disposition of 2013 year-end deferral account balances (the “Application”). The Board assigned file number EB-2014-0145 to the Application.

A Settlement Conference was held on August 7, 2014. Union filed a partial Settlement Agreement on August 22, 2014.

The Board held an oral hearing on September 3 and 4, 2013. At the hearing, the Board accepted the proposed Settlement Agreement, with a minor revision to reflect a clarification requested by the Board.¹ The proposed Settlement Agreement did not include agreement on the following four items, which were the subject of the oral hearing:

- 1) Union South Bundled Direct Purchase Load Balancing Costs (Spot Gas Variance Account)
- 2) Unaccounted For Gas (“UFG”) Price Variance (Spot Gas Variance Account)
- 3) Average Use Per Customer Deferral Account
- 4) Allocation of Checkpoint Balancing Penalties

The Board issued its Decision and Order in relation to the above noted unsettled issues on October 30, 2014.

Union filed its Draft Rate Order on November 13, 2014 and filed an updated Draft Rate Order, in response to a request from Board staff, on November 17, 2014.

The following are Board staff’s submissions on the Draft Rate Order.

Board Staff Submission on Draft Rate Order

Board staff reviewed the updated Draft Rate Order filed by Union. Board staff submits that the Draft Rate Order accurately reflects the Settlement Agreement and the Board’s findings in its October 30, 2014 Decision and Order.

¹ The revision was reflected in the Updated Settlement Agreement filed on September 5, 2014.

All of which is respectfully submitted.