



EB-2014-0274

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 Natural
Resource Gas Limited for an Order or Orders approving or
fixing just and reasonable rates and other charges for the
sale, distribution, transmission and storage of gas effective
October 1, 2014.

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 3

Natural Resource Gas (“NRG”) filed an Application on August 22, 2014 with the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) under section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. c.15, Sched. B, as amended, for an order of the Board approving or fixing rates for the distribution, transmission and storage of natural gas, effective October 1, 2014. The Board assigned file number EB-2014-0274 to the Application and issued a Notice of Application on September 9, 2014.

NRG is currently using an Incentive Ratemaking framework (“IRM”) which expired on September 30, 2014. In its application, NRG requested the continuation of the current IRM framework to set distribution rates and other charges for NRG's next two fiscal years, from October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2016. In addition, NRG requested a deferral account to implement a new demand side management program commencing January 1, 2015, additional financial information from Integrated Grain Processors Co-operative (“IGPC”), approval of NRG's existing transportation rate and current Rules and Regulations and Schedule of Service Charges.

In Procedural Order No. 1 dated September 30, 2014, the Board declared NRG's current rates interim effective October 1, 2014 and approved Union Gas Limited, IGPC, and IGPC Ethanol Inc. as intervenors in the proceeding.

The Board in Procedural Order No. 2 determined that it would consider the request for the continuation of the current IRM framework as a preliminary issue and would proceed on that basis.

The Board held an oral hearing on November 11, 2014 to consider the preliminary issue. The Board issued an oral decision on this matter and accepted NRG's request for a two-year continuation of the current IRM framework. The Board also accepted NRG's request for a deferral account for DSM programs effective January 1, 2015. However, the Board rejected NRG's request for additional financial information from IGPC noting that IGPC was not regulated by the Board and the Board did not have the required authority to order IGPC to provide the information.

Following the Board's approval, NRG submitted its application for 2014 (fiscal year 2015) IRM rates based on the Board's Chapter 3 Incentive Regulation Filing Requirements for Electricity Distribution Rate Applications – 2014 Edition for 2015 Rate Applications. In its Application, NRG has also sought approval for the continuation of its current transportation rate and Rules and Regulations and Schedule of Service Charges.

The Board considers 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 ORDERED THAT:

1. Intervenors and Board staff who wish information and material from NRG that is in addition to the evidence filed with the Board, and that is relevant to this proceeding, shall request it by written interrogatories filed with the Board and delivered to NRG on or before Wednesday, December 10, 2014.
2. NRG shall file with the Board complete responses to the interrogatories and deliver them to the intervenors no later than Wednesday, December 24, 2014.
3. Intervenors and Board staff who wish to make a written submission must file their submissions with the Board and deliver them to NRG and other intervenors on or before Friday, January 9, 2015.
4. NRG shall file a written reply submission with the Board and deliver it to all intervenors on or before Friday, January 16, 2015.

All filings to the Board must quote file number **EB-2014-0274** 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.

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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