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Ontario Energy Board  
2300 Yonge St., 27<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toronto, ON  
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Attn: Ms Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary

By electronic filing and e-mail

Dear Ms Walli:

**Re: EB-2015-0029, EB-2015-0049 – Union and Enbridge 2015-20 Gas DSM –  
GEC Witness Timing**

I write the Board on behalf of GEC in regard to witness scheduling in the current joint gas DSM proceeding. As part of Procedural Order no. 2 the Board has now indicated dates for a second technical conference and for an oral hearing. GEC has two expert witnesses, both of whom have scheduling constraints.

The technical conference for intervenor witnesses is set for August 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Paul Chernick is testifying elsewhere on August 18 & 19 so we simply alert all parties that his appearance at the technical conference will need to finish on the first day. I expect that this will not present a problem.

More problematic is Mr. Chris Neme's schedule constraints. He is unavailable from August 15<sup>th</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup>. We appreciate that the Board has amended the schedule to allow further evidence preparation time and we do not wish to delay the process further. Accordingly we suggest two alternative methods to allow parties to ask Mr. Neme follow up questions without delaying the proceeding.

The first option would entail Mr. Neme responding to interrogatories by August 10<sup>th</sup> rather than the 12<sup>th</sup>, with written follow up questions submitted on the 12<sup>th</sup> and written responses filed by the 17<sup>th</sup>.

A second option would again entail Mr. Neme responding to interrogatories by August 10<sup>th</sup> rather than the 12<sup>th</sup> with a transcribed technical conference scheduled for the 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup>. If the 14<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Neme could only attend by telephone.

We note as well that Mr. Neme could not appear in the hearing before the 26th. As we are unaware of the number of utility, Board Staff and intervenor witnesses we do not know if this creates any difficulty but we wanted to alert the Board and Board Staff to this constraint at this time to assist with planning.

We look forward to the Board's direction.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Poch". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Poch".

David Poch

Cc: all parties