



# **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

## **BOARD STAFF COMMENTS ON DRAFT RATE ORDER**

**Natural Resource Gas Limited**

**2015-16 IRM Rates Application**

**Board File No. EB-2015-0115**

**September 15, 2015**

Natural Resource Gas (NRG) filed an Application on July 9, 2015 with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) under section 36 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, for an order approving changes to rates and other charges for 2015 (fiscal year 2016) effective October 1, 2016. The proposed rate adjustment is based on the Incentive Ratemaking (IRM) framework approved by the OEB in EB-2015-0274.

The Board issued its Decision on September 10, 2015 approving NRG's proposed rate adjustments as filed. In its Decision, the OEB directed NRG to file a draft Rate Order with the proposed tariff or rates and charges.

NRG filed a draft Rate Order on September 14, 2015. Board staff has reviewed the draft Rate Order and is satisfied that it appropriately reflects the Board's Decision of September 10, 2015.

Board staff notes that NRG has not filed a customer notice along with the draft Rate Order. NRG filed its Quarterly Rate Adjustment Mechanism (QRAM) application on September 11, 2015 requesting a change to the commodity rates effective October 1, 2016. In its QRAM application, NRG has included a customer notice that provides information on changes to both, the commodity and distribution rates. Board staff supports the communication of both rate changes through a single customer notice. Consequently, a separate customer notice for the IRM application is not required.

- All of which is respectfully submitted -