

September 18, 2015

Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319 2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

## Re: EB-2015-0179 Request for Intervenor Status by Northeast Midstream LP

Union Gas Limited (Union) has filed an application (EB-2015-0179) with the Ontario Energy Board (the Board) for its Community Expansion Project (Project). This Project, if approved, would provide certain communities access to natural gas. Union's application seeks approval for certain exemptions from the Board's economic criteria for serving new communities, as well as seeking approval for various rate orders and leave to construct approvals for the facilities required to serve several specific communities.

Northeast Midstream LP (Northeast) is an Ontario-based limited partnership engaged in the development of liquefied natural gas (LNG) infrastructure. Northeast is focused on leveraging our assets to enable the province-wide expansion of natural gas service to customers not currently served or proposed to be served by the traditional pipeline delivery model.

In addition to using LNG to meet peak shaving needs, Northeast plans to use LNG as an alternative to developing lateral pipelines to serve rural and Northern communities that cannot connect economically to the existing natural gas pipeline network. Northeast has entered into franchise precedent agreements with several municipalities in Ontario, and is in negotiations with numerous other communities for similar arrangements. These municipalities are a long distance from the TransCanada Mainline and pipelines would need to traverse terrain with difficult construction conditions. None of these communities are included in Union's application. If not for Northeast, these municipalities would have no chance of receiving gas.

Northeast anticipates there will one or more applications in the future to seek the Board's approval related to local distribution services where the gas supply is provided by LNG. The issues being addressed in this proceeding could have a direct and material impact on Northeast's plans. Northeast is therefore requesting intervenor status in this proceeding.

Northeast has previously been an intervenor in EB-2014-0012 and participated responsibly in raising policy issues not addressed by any other party in the proceeding. Northeast does not intend to request a cost award at the end of this proceeding.

If Northeast is granted intervenor status in this proceeding, it requests all communication be directed to:



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Sincerely

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