



EB-2015-0116

Union Gas Limited

**Application for natural gas distribution, transmission
and storage rates effective January 1, 2016**

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1

October 15, 2015

Union Gas Limited (Union) filed an application on September 11, 2015 with the Ontario Energy Board (the OEB) pursuant to section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, for an order or orders approving rates for the distribution, transmission and storage of natural gas, effective January 1, 2016.

In July 2013, Union filed an application requesting approval of a multi-year Incentive Ratemaking framework (the Framework) under File Number EB-2013-0202. The application included a comprehensive Settlement Agreement between Union and stakeholders. On October 7, 2013, the OEB accepted the Settlement Agreement as filed. Union's current application for 2016 rates is based on the Framework agreed to in the Settlement Agreement.

The OEB issued a Notice of Application and Hearing on September 29, 2015. The last date for intervention was October 9, 2015. The following parties applied for intervenor status.

- Association of Power Producers of Ontario (APPrO)
- Building Owners and Managers Association Toronto (BOMA)
- Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters (CME)
- City of Kitchener (Kitchener)
- Consumers Council of Canada (CCC)

- Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. (Enbridge)
- Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe)
- Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario (FRPO)
- Industrial Gas Users Association (IGUA)
- London Property Management Association (LPMA)
- Ontario Association of Physical Plant Administrators (OAPPA)
- Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers (OGVG)
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)
- Shell Energy North America (Canada) Inc. (Shell Energy)
- TransCanada Energy Ltd. (TCE)
- TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TCPL)
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)

APPrO, BOMA, CME, CCC, Energy Probe, FRPO, IGUA, LPMA, OAPPA, OGVG, SEC and VECC also applied for cost eligibility.

No objections were received regarding the requests for intervenor status or cost eligibility.

All parties that requested intervenor status in this proceeding are granted intervenor status. The list of intervenors in this proceeding is attached as Schedule A to this procedural order.

APPrO, BOMA, CME, CCC, Energy Probe, FRPO, IGUA, LPMA, OAPPA, OGVG, SEC and VECC are each eligible to apply for an award of costs under the Board's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*. Cost eligible intervenors should be aware that the OEB will not generally allow the recovery of costs for the attendance of more than one representative of any party, unless a compelling reason is provided when cost claims are filed. The OEB also expects that intervenors will combine their interventions with those of similarly interested parties, will co-operate with all other parties to the extent possible and will be mindful to avoid duplication.

I consider it necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding. The OEB may issue further procedural orders from time to time.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. OEB staff and intervenors who wish information and material from Union that is in addition to Union's evidence, and that is relevant to the hearing, shall request it by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and delivered to Union and all intervenors by **Tuesday, October 27, 2015**.
2. Union shall file with the OEB complete responses to the interrogatories and deliver them to the intervenors and OEB staff by **Friday, November 6, 2015**.
3. Unless otherwise ordered by the OEB, a Settlement Conference will be convened on **November 10, 11, or 12, 2015** (the day after the EB-2015-0181 Settlement Conference is concluded) at 9:30 a.m. with the objective of reaching a settlement among the parties on the issues. The Settlement Conference will be held in the OEB's hearing room at 2300 Yonge Street, 25th Floor, Toronto. The Settlement Conference in this proceeding is scheduled for **two days** (if necessary). The OEB will issue a letter confirming the date that the Settlement Conference will begin as it will commence when the EB-2015-0181 Settlement Conference concludes.
4. Any Settlement Proposal arising from the Settlement Conference shall be filed with the OEB by **Tuesday, November 24, 2015**.
5. If a settlement proposal is filed, OEB staff's submission on the settlement proposal shall be filed with the OEB and served on all parties within **7 days** from when the settlement proposal is filed.
6. If there is no settlement proposal arising from the Settlement Conference, Union shall file a statement to that effect with the OEB by **November 18, 2015**.

All filings to the Board must quote the file number, **EB-2015-0116** and be made electronically in searchable/unrestricted PDF format through the OEB'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.

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, Lawrie Gluck at Lawrie.Gluck@ontarioenergyboard.ca and Board Counsel, Michael Millar at Michael.Millar@ontarioenergyboard.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, October 15, 2015

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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Schedule A

To

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Applicant and List of Intervenors

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