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Attention: Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Walli:

Subject: Distributor Gas Supply Planning Consultation
OEB File No. EB-2015-0238
TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TransCanada)
Request to Participate

TransCanada welcomes the opportunity to participate in the Distributor Gas Supply Planning Consultation as described by the Board in its October 16, 2015 letter. TransCanada plans to be active in the proceeding and has identified two important issues that should be included in the consultation. Both issues are related to the risk/cost trade-offs being made in gas supply planning decisions.

First, in order to make efficient gas supply planning decisions, it is important for Ontario Stakeholders to have an accurate and up-to-date overview of available Western Canadian Sedimentary Basin (WCSB) supply. Large reserves of unconventional shale and tight gas have been, and are being, developed in the WCSB, ensuring that growing and reliable supply is available to Ontario from this supply basin well into the future. TransCanada is able to provide such an overview, and recommends that the issue of WCSB supply availability be included in the consultation.

Second, TransCanada notes that in the process of shifting upstream transportation capacity from long haul to short haul in order to access proximal gas supply for system supply customers, Union and Enbridge have become highly dependent on the Dawn/Parkway transportation path. TransCanada recommends that this security of supply path issue be included in the consultation, as well as whether alternative supply points such as Niagara, Chippawa or Waddington could provide valuable supply path diversity to both LDCs. These alternative supply points have been shown to have a landed cost advantage over Dawn, particularly in the eastern regions of both LDC franchise areas.

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Consideration of both issues will promote efficient gas supply planning decisions being made by both Union and Enbridge.

TransCanada requests receipt of all pre-filed material and any further notices or other material that may be issued or filed in connection with this proceeding. The names, mailing and electronic addresses, and telephone and facsimile numbers of TransCanada representatives are as follows:

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