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**Attention: Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary**

Dear Ms. Walli:

**Subject: Natural Gas Market Review
OEB File No. EB-2015-0237
TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TransCanada)
Stakeholder Input and Request to Participate**

TransCanada welcomes the opportunity to participate in the Natural Gas Market Review as described by the Board in its November 25, 2015 letter. TransCanada plans to be active in the proceeding and intends to provide a presentation on several of the preliminary session topics highlighted by the Board, including:

- the short to medium term impacts of changes in the factors driving North American and Ontario natural gas supply, demand and prices;
- the impact of winter 2013/14 natural gas prices on distributor gas supply planning; and,
- the implications of recent and anticipated market developments for planning natural gas distribution asset investments over the longer term.

These topics will be addressed by the following points in our presentation:

First, 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. The geographic distribution of WCSB supplies relative to Ontario can serve to mitigate weather-driven price volatility as observed in the winter of 2013/14.

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.

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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.

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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