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

Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: Union Gas Limited – Application to clear non-commodity-related deferral accounts Board File No. EB-2015-0276

We are counsel to the Association of Power Producers of Ontario ("APPrO"). Please find enclosed APPrO's Notice of Intervention requesting intervenor status and cost eligibility in the above-noted proceeding.

Yours very truly,

Lisa (Elisabeth) DeMarco

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule B) s. 36;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Union Gas Limited for an order or orders clearing certain non-commodity related deferral accounts.

EB-2015-0276

NOTICE OF INTERVENTION ASSOCIATION OF POWER PRODUCERS OF ONTARIO (APPrO)

January 14, 2016

A. APPrO and its Interest in the Proceeding

- 1. APPrO is a non-profit organization representing more than 100 companies involved in the generation of electricity in Ontario, including generators and suppliers of services, equipment and consulting services. APPrO's members produce electricity from natural gas, hydro, coal, nuclear, wind, biogas and other sources.
- Union Gas Limited ("Union") has filed an application to have the impacts that result from the disposition of certain 2014 year-end deferral and variance account balances be implemented to align with other rate changes implemented through the Quarterly Rate Adjustment Mechanism (EB-2015-0276).
- 3. Most of APPrO gas-fired generator members are large volume customers within Union's franchises. Continued access to sufficient supplies of competitively priced natural gas is paramount for these generators to help ensure the reliability of gas-fired electricity generation and the production of competitively priced electricity in Ontario.

B. APPrO's Experience as a Frequent Intervenor

4. APPrO has a record of participating in Board proceedings as an intervenor. A description of APPrO, its mandate and objectives, membership and representative constituency, and programs and activities are summarized in Attachment I.

C. Nature and Scope of APPrO's Intended Participation

5. APPrO intends to be an active participant in this proceeding, and will act responsibly to coordinate with other intervenors where common issues may arise and be otherwise addressed. APPrO intends to participate to request information, participate in any requisite motions, test evidence through the stipulated processes, submit written interrogatories and provide argument. Subject to the development of the record in this matter, APPrO may also submit evidence.

D. Costs

6. In accordance with s. 3.03(a) of the Board's Practice Direction on Cost Awards, APPrO is eligible to seek an award of costs from Enbridge and Union, as APPrO is a party that

primarily represents the direct interests of consumers in relation to services that are regulated by the Board.

7. The Board has deemed APPrO an intervenor eligible for costs in previous proceedings. These proceedings include, among others: Enbridge's 2014-2018 IRM Proceeding (EB-2013-0459), Union's 2014-2018 IRM Proceeding (EB-2013-0202) and Enbridge's and Union's DSM Proceedings (EB-2015-0029/EB-2015-0049). APPrO believes it is appropriate for the Board to award APPrO costs in the context of this proceeding as well.

E. APPrO's Representatives

8. If APPrO is granted intervenor status by the Board, APPrO requests that further communications with respect to this proceeding be sent to the following:

Association of Power Producers of Ontario

25 Adelaide St. East Suite 1602 Toronto, ON M5C 3A1

Attention: David Butters, President Telephone: 416-322-6549, x231 Facsimile: 416-481-5785

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AND TO ITS CONSULTANT

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AND TO ITS COUNSEL

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ALL OF WHICH IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 14th day of January, 2016

Lisa (Elisabeth) DeMarco

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ATTACHMENT I

The Association of Power Producers of Ontario

Description

The Association of Power Producers of Ontario ("APPrO") is a not-for-profit trade and professional organization which represents Ontario-based commercial electricity generators and suppliers of services, equipment and consulting services. APPrO is the largest organization of its type in Canada. APPrO was established in 1986 as the Independent Power Producers' Society of Ontario and changed its name to APPrO in 2003.

Mandate and objectives

APPrO's principal objective is the achievement of an economically and environmentally sustainable electricity sector in Ontario that supports the business interests of electricity generators. APPrO's role in the electricity sector is to raise awareness and understanding of its members' concerns with senior decision-makers in government, regulatory bodies and the public at large.

Membership and representative constituency

APPrO currently has about 100 corporate members, who collectively produce more than 95% of the electricity made in Ontario. APPrO's members produce electricity from a range of sources, including natural gas, hydroelectricity, cogeneration, windpower, solar energy, biomass, biogas, nuclear energy, coal, and other sources. The total value of assets owned or operated by APPrO members is estimated at more than C\$50 billion, and the total annual sales of electricity by APPrO members exceeds C\$7 billion per year (wholesale value).

Programs and activities

APPrO acts as an advocate for its members. It aims to have a voice on regulatory and policy issues which affect generators in Ontario, including electricity market rules, power procurement processes, the regulation of the natural gas market (both provincially and federally), climate change rules and compliance mechanisms, approval requirements, transmission development, distributed generation, and a number of other issues. APPrO is a leading advocate for public policies and regulatory treatments that it believes will facilitate the development of power generation in the province and assist in the development of a more open and competitive market for power.

APPrO also organizes industry conferences and produces a number of publications. APPrO's magazine, IPPSO FACTO, is an authoritative periodical on the electricity business and policy issues in Canada.

APPrO's authorized representative in OEB proceedings

APPrO's authorized representatives in proceedings before the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") is through its consultant, Elenchus Research Associates ("**Elenchus**"), represented by John Wolnik, and counsel, Zizzo Allan DeMarco LLP ("**ZAD**"), represented by Elisabeth DeMarco, with support from other ZAD associates.