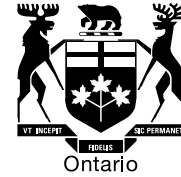


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Dear Mr. Richmond:

Re: Ontario Energy Board Generic Proceeding – Natural Gas Community Expansion (EB-2016-0004)

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) initiated a generic proceeding on February 5, 2016, to establish an alternative framework to facilitate the provision of natural gas distribution services in communities that do not have access to natural gas. The OEB issued Procedural Order No. 1 on February 10, 2016 outlining the procedural timelines. The OEB also provided a draft Issues List which defined the scope of the generic proceeding. Comments on the draft Issues List are due by February 26, 2016.

By letter dated February 17, 2016, the Canadian Propane Association (CPA) submitted that the draft Issues List was too narrow to fully examine the benefits and drawbacks of the various options that the OEB could consider in developing a framework in order to facilitate gas distribution services in communities that do not currently have access.

The CPA expressed concern that the OEB's deadline to file evidence of March 4, 2016 did not give the OEB sufficient time to consider all the comments on the draft Issues List and issue a Final Issues List before the evidence is due. CPA has requested the OEB to delay filing of the evidence until the parties have had an opportunity to review the Final Issues List and prepare their evidence on that

basis. CPA has also noted that if the parties are not informed on the Final Issues List prior to filing of the evidence, then the evidence will not speak to the issues and this will lead to an unfocussed proceeding.

The OEB notes that the determination to accept CPA's evidence along with the evidence of other parties and development of the draft Issues List is based on the submissions that the OEB heard at the Pre-Hearing Conference on December 18, 2015. The OEB reiterates that if CPA intends to file evidence, it should be prepared to file that evidence as described on December 18th by the deadline as noted in Procedural Order No. 1. The OEB will provide parties an opportunity to file supplemental evidence if it is convinced that the draft Issues List is too narrow or does not address all relevant issues.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

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