## **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD STAFF INTERROGATORIES**

## ON THE EVIDENCE OF THE NOACC COALITION

## Ontario Energy Board Community Expansion Proceeding

## EB-2016-0004

Interrogatory # 1

Ref: Evidence of the NOACC Coalition, page 3; Appendix Tab 2

The evidence of the NOACC Coalition states that Union Gas estimated that a contribution in aid of capital in the amount of \$76,530,060.00 would be required to serve the Municipality of Neebing.

Union's calculation of the appropriate contribution in aid of capital assume that if the expansion were conducted there would be 399 residential conversions (249 immediately and up to 150 more in the future) plus 10 small commercial conversions. Under the NOACC Coalition's proposal, would Union's existing ratepayers be expected to provide a subsidy \$76,530,060.00 to connect these customers? If a lower subsidy is proposed, how would such a subsidy be calculated? What tests should the OEB adopt to determine which expansions are reasonable?

Interrogatory # 2

Ref: Evidence of the NOACC Coalition, Lake Superior – Northshore Communities – LNG Backgrounder, March 18, 2016, Pg. 2

The evidence while discussing the provision of natural gas service to the Lake Superior Northshore communities notes that the present value of the economic and environmental benefits from delivering gas to municipalities on the North Shore and in Central Ontario would be in the range of \$500 million.

Please provide the basis for the claimed \$500 million of economic and environmental benefits from natural gas service in the communities noted above.