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## **VIA COURIER, RESS, EMAIL**

Ms. Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor Toronto, Ontario M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: Union Gas Limited – 2017 Rates Application

Board File No.: EB-2016-0245

The Independent Electricity System Operator ("IESO") is writing to request intervenor status in the Union Gas Limited ("Union") application to the Ontario Energy Board ("Board" or "OEB") for an order approving or fixing just and reasonable rates and other charges for the sale, distribution, transmission and storage of gas as of January 1, 2017.

The IESO has an interest in this proceeding because it administers natural gas-fired generation contracts across Ontario, and thus it has both direct and indirect exposure to changes in natural gas costs. As a result, the IESO is interested in any potential rate changes in Union's service territory, and in this proceeding, the IESO has a particular interest in Union's Cap and Trade Implementation.

The IESO reserves the right to participate in all Board established processes for this case, such as any interrogatory process, technical conference, written or oral hearing and settlement conference. The IESO will not be seeking an award of costs.

The IESO requests that electronic copies of all documents filed in this proceeding be forwarded to the attention of Miriam Heinz, Senior Regulatory Advisor, at the address above or through email at miriam.heinz@ieso.ca.

Yours truly,

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