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## To: All Parties in EB-2016-0186 Proceeding

## Re: Settlement Conference scheduled for November 21, 2016 Union Gas Limited, Panhandle Reinforcement Project Proceeding OEB File Number EB-2016-0214

The OEB received on November 7, 2016 a request from CAEPLA-PLC to reschedule the November 21, 2016 settlement conference set by OEB's Procedural Order # 3. CAEPLA-PLC proposed new dates for the settlement conference in December 2016 and oral hearing on landowner issues in January 2017. On November 8, 2016 Union Gas disagreed with CAEPLA-PLC's request and submitted that the current procedural schedule should not be amended. On November 9, 2016 CAEPLA-PLC restated its request and noted that because CAEPLA-PLC's negotiating committee is not available on November 21 it cannot productively participate in the settlement conference. CAEPLA-PLC confirmed that it would continue to actively work with Union Gas to settle and resolve outstanding issues.

The OEB has considered the comments by CAEPLA-PLC and Union Gas and has decided to cancel the settlement conference scheduled in Procedural Order #3 for November 21, 2016. The remainder of the Procedural Order # 3 is unchanged. The OEB will not reschedule the settlement conference. The OEB notes that Union Gas and CAEPLA-PLC are free to engage in settlement discussions outside of the OEB process. The parties may involve OEB staff in those discussions, but are not required to do so.

Regarding the next procedural steps in the hearing, the OEB intends to complete submissions on landowner issues by the end of 2016, whether by written or oral hearing. Accordingly, further procedural orders with respect to the landowner issues may be issued by the OEB.

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

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