

December 9, 2016

BY COURIER & RESS

Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
Suite 2700, 2300 Yonge Street
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Dear Ms. Walli:

RE: EB-2016-0004 – Natural Gas Expansion Generic Proceeding – Union Gas Limited – Cost Claims

Union Gas Limited (“Union”) received cost claims from Anwaatin Inc., Building Owners and Managers Association (“BOMA”), Canadian Propane Association (“CPA”), Consumers Council of Canada (“CCC”), Environmental Defence, Energy Probe Research Foundation (“Energy Probe”), Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario (“FRPO”), Industrial Gas Users Association (“IGUA”), London Property Management Association (“LPMA”), the NOACC Coalition, Northeast Midstream LP, Ontario Geothermal Association (“OGA”), Ontario Sustainable Energy Association (“OSEA”), School Energy Coalition (“SEC”), and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (“VECC”) for the above noted proceeding.

Union has reviewed the cost claims and wishes to provide comments in light of the magnitude of costs claimed (in excess of \$1 million). There is a wide variation in the amount of hours claimed under each category. In particular, Anwaatin, BOMA, CPA, OGA and VECC have claimed preparation hours in excess of the average hours claimed by other parties. Of these parties, all but BOMA filed evidence in the proceeding. In Union’s view, the Board should consider the value provided in relation to the total amount of hours, and total dollar amount of the intervenor cost claims.

Should you have any questions on the above or would like to discuss in more detail, please contact me at 519-436-5334.

Yours truly,

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Manager, Regulatory Applications

cc: EB-2016-0004 Intervenors
Charles Keizer, Torys