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Ontario Energy Board  
P.O. Box 2319  
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Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Attention: Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Ontario Sustainable Energy Association Application for Intervenor Status for Cap and Trade Compliance Plans, File Numbers: EB-2016-0296 (Union Gas Limited) / EB-2016-0300 (Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.) / EB-2016-0330 / (Natural Resource Gas Ltd)**

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We are counsel for the Ontario Sustainable Energy Association (“OSEA”). OSEA requests intervenor status in the Board’s combined proceeding regarding the above noted Cap and Trade Compliance Plans. OSEA also seeks eligibility for a cost award.

### **OSEA’S EXPERIENCE AS AN INTERVENOR**

OSEA actively participates in Board proceedings and has been granted intervenor status by the Board in previous hearings. OSEA was an active intervenor in the Board’s consultation to develop the natural gas regulatory framework to support the implementation of Ontario’s Cap and Trade program (EB-2015-0363), related to the above noted application. OSEA has an interest in the Compliance Plans that were submitted pursuant to the natural gas regulatory framework. OSEA contributes fully in these matters and believes it can continue to offer assistance and insight to the Board.

### **NATURE AND SCOPE OF OSEA’S INTENDED PARTICIPATION**

OSEA intends to be an active participant in this proceeding, and will act responsibly to coordinate with other intervenors where common issues may arise and be otherwise addressed. OSEA intends to participate to request information, participate in any requisite motions, test evidence through the stipulated processes, submit written interrogatories and provide argument in accordance with the Board’s procedures stipulated for this proceeding.

## **OSEA AND ITS INTEREST IN THE PROCEEDING**

- 1 OSEA is a province-wide, non-profit organization centred on the vision of sustainable energy development. OSEA promotes the view that every Ontarian can be a conserver and generator of sustainable energy. OSEA is a public interest organization that works towards a sustainable energy future. This includes ensuring funding and rates that encourage both conservation and the incorporation of green energy.
- 2 OSEA is not a trade or industry association representing any specific product suppliers, generators, or specific generation technologies. Its membership consists of several non-profit/community organizations that advocate for a variety of interest groups including ratepayers. OSEA is not an association for energy generators. OSEA's membership is diverse with less than 16% being generators.
- 3 OSEA is Ontario's lead advocate, facilitator and catalyst for sector transformation and the transition to a more sustainable energy economy.
- 4 OSEA serves as an advocate for individuals, manufacturers, installers, developers, municipalities, First Nations, unions, farmers, co-operatives and other community organizations, NGO's and other associations supportive of, and engaged in, the full portfolio of sustainable energy solutions.
- 5 OSEA actively participated and made submissions in the Board's consultation to develop the natural gas regulatory framework in support of Ontario's Cap and Trade program. As an advocate for sustainable energy solutions and for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, OSEA has an interest in the utilities' Compliance Plans submitted under the Board's regulatory framework.
- 6 Sustainability refers to meeting our own needs and improving the quality of our lives while ensuring the ecological system that sustains us is healthy and capable of supporting future generations.
- 7 Sustainable energy involves the effective and efficient production and use of energy from an array of distributed sources matched in scale and quality to the end use. It isn't just about more electricity. It is about producing and using energy in a way that meets our needs and improves the quality of our lives while also ensuring that the ecological system that sustains us, our economy and society remains healthy and capable of supporting future generations indefinitely.

8 Sustainable energy includes:

- conservation, energy efficiency and demand management
- renewable heat and electricity generation, and other forms of sustainable technology
- high efficiency combined heat and power (CHP) and district energy
- energy storage
- green buildings
- smart-grids
- transportation that is powered by hydrogen, electricity, human or animal energy, and other non-fossil fuels, and
- community, public and commercial ownership of these structures

**COSTS**

OSEA seeks approval of costs in this proceeding. OSEA is a not for profit organization that is committed to representing the public interest on energy policy matters that contribute or impede energy conservation and sustainable energy development for Ontario, including the emissions of greenhouse gases.

OSEA's members, both individuals and organizations are interested in the development of sustainable energy in Ontario as consumers, individuals and citizens of Ontario. OSEA has been awarded costs by the Board in previous hearings, and the Board recognized that OSEA can provide "an important and unique perspective" in EB 2011-0118. OSEA can continue to provide an important and unique perspective in the current proceeding. OSEA does not have the funds of its own to allocate towards its meaningful participation in this matter.



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Yours truly,

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