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To: All Parties in EB-2016-0296 / EB-2016-0300 / EB-2016-0330

**Re: Union Gas Limited
Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.
Natural Resource Gas Limited
Cap and Trade Compliance Plan – Oral Hearing
OEB File Number: EB-2016-0296 / EB-2016-0300 / EB-2016-0330**

This letter sets out the Ontario Energy Board's (OEB) expectations for the upcoming oral hearing on Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.'s, Union Gas Limited's and Natural Resource Gas Limited's (together the "gas utilities") respective Cap and Trade Compliance Plan applications.

As outlined in Procedural Order No. 1 dated January 27, 2017, the oral hearing related to the gas utilities' Compliance Plans will begin on April 18, 2017. The oral hearing is provisionally scheduled to continue on April 20th, April 21st, April 24th and April 25th.

Oral Hearing

At the outset of the oral hearing, the OEB expects each of the gas utilities to provide a brief presentation. In the presentations the gas utilities should give a general overview of their respective 2017 Compliance Plans.

The gas utilities have developed their Compliance Plans to meet their compliance obligations outlined under the *Climate Change Mitigation and Low-carbon Economy Act, 2016*. This hearing will focus on assessing the gas utilities' Compliance Plans according to the Guiding Principles set out in the OEB's Cap and Trade Framework¹.

The OEB intends to hear public cross examination of the three applications in succession to begin the oral hearing. The OEB will then subsequently hear confidential

¹ [Report of the Board: Regulatory Framework for the Assessment of the Costs of Natural Gas Utilities' Cap and Trade Activities, September 26, 2016 \(EB-2015-0363\)](#)

cross examination related to strictly confidential evidence of each applicant in succession from OEB staff.

Hearing Plan

In advance of the oral hearing, the OEB will be developing a hearing plan. The hearing plan will indicate the amount of time for cross examination on each issue, sorted by intervenor. The OEB expects intervenors with shared interests to work together to prepare their requested cross examination times to minimize duplication.

Intervenors are asked to follow the format below when submitting cross examination requests:

Intervenor Name	Utility	Issue	Cross Examination (minutes)

Cross examination requests should be submitted to the Case Manager, Josh Wasylyk (josh.wasylyk@oeb.ca) and OEB Counsel, Ljuba Djurdjevic (Ljuba.djurdjevic@oeb.ca) on or before Thursday, April 6, 2017.

Yours truly,

original signed by

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