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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
Ontario Energy Board File Number: EB-2016-0296 / EB-2016-0300 / EB-2016-0330**

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued a letter on April 4, 2017 which set out its 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.

The OEB requested that intervenors submit estimates for cross examination of each utility to OEB staff as part of the process to develop a hearing plan. Based on the OEB's review of the time estimates provided by intervenors, the total requested cross examination time for the evidence on the public record exceeds the allotted time by approximately 30%.

The OEB expects that there are likely a significant number of similar examination questions prepared amongst the parties and therefore anticipates that through the avoidance of repetition, the actual time required can be accommodated within the planned schedule. The OEB will require intervenors to restrict their examination to matters relevant to the determinations to be made as a result of these hearings. The OEB does not intend to add any additional hearing days to the current schedule.

The OEB anticipates that cross examination by intervenors on the public evidence of the gas utilities' 2017 Compliance Plans will be heard on Tuesday, April 18th, Thursday, April 20th and Friday, April 21st. The remaining oral hearing time will be used by OEB staff in relation to the strictly confidential portion of the Compliance Plans. The attached order of appearance and cross examination has been provided for planning purposes. The OEB intends to hear evidence from each applicant in turn on the public record prior to commencing in-camera cross examination sessions with OEB staff and the applicants individually.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

Encl.

APPENDIX A

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**2017 Compliance Plan Oral Hearing
Order of Appearance and Cross Examination**

Enbridge Gas Distribution	Union Gas Limited	Natural Resource Gas
<p>Witness Panel #1 (Issues: 1.1 to 1.7, 2, 4, 5, 6)</p> <p><u>Order of Appearance</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. IGUA 2. SEC 3. CME 4. APPrO 5. TCPL 6. CCC 7. ED 8. LIEN 9. BOMA 10. OEB Staff 	<p>Witness Panel #1 (all issues)</p> <p><u>Order of Appearance</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. IGUA 2. SEC 3. CME 4. APPrO 5. CCC 6. LIEN 7. FRPO 8. LPMA 9. OSEA 10. ED 11. BOMA 12. OEB Staff 	<p>Witness Panel #1 (all issues)</p> <p><u>Order of Appearance</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. LIEN 2. SEC 3. BOMA 4. OEB Staff
<p>Witness Panel #2 (Issues 1.8 to 1.10, 3)</p> <p><u>Order of Appearance:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ED 2. LIEN 3. OSEA 4. BOMA 		