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Ontario Energy Board
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Attention: Ms. Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: EB-2016-0351
Natural Resource Gas Limited (“NRG”)
Application for Leave to Transfer Gas Distribution System (“Application”)
Response to Tribute Resources Inc. (“Tribute”) and ON-ENERGY CORP. (“ON”) Intervention
Request**

Thank you for the opportunity accorded Tribute Resources Inc. (“Tribute”) and ON-Energy Corp. (“ON”), together referred to as the “Companies” to respond to the submissions of NRG’s counsel, contained in the letter from Mr. Duncanson, dated May 10, 2017. This response will provide the Ontario Energy Board (“Board” or “OEB”), NRG and EPCOR with some additional background in support of the intervention, which would, if accepted, possibly assist the Board with a better understanding of some of the local gas supply issues facing NRG and its customers.

Notwithstanding representatives of Tribute and ON were not notified of the proceeding, Mr. Blake, on behalf of the Tribute, heard about and expressed interest in this proceeding in February 2017 and contacted the Board. Mr. Blake was advised that the hearing application was deferred and was not proceeding at that time, until an amended application would be filed. On May 2, Mr. Blake was informed by Mr. Lippold of NRG that the hearing was underway. Mr. Blake emailed Mr. Pickernell on May 3 requesting to be added as a late intervenor in the above-noted matter before the Board. To demonstrate its interest in the proceeding, it was noted in the email that Tribute and ON own and operate approximately 150 gas wells and are familiar with various gas supply issues in the locale.

It was also noted that one of the Companies’ systems had been connected into the NRG system a number of years ago. It is believed that the piping for this gas supply remains substantially in place for this purpose, and a simple meter connection could be made to restore supply.

The Companies also have over 300 kms of pipeline, including an 18 km 700 Psi MOAP line connecting to a Union Gas Limited ("Union") transmission line. A significant portion of these pipelines are located within the NRG franchise area. In addition, ON has recently acquired the production wells of Hemlock Explorations, which are connected to the NRG system. The former owner of these wells advised they were producing until 2015, at which point they were shut off by NRG. The Companies understand that NRG has experienced supply shortfall issues at various points in the NRG franchise area. The Companies have the capacity to deliver significant quantities of gas to the NRG system and there is the potential that the high pressure line could be used for even greater volumes, all of which would be in the area NRG has indicated requires gas supply from NRG Corp. for system integrity support.

The purpose of providing the above background is to indicate that the Companies' participation would provide some useful background in this application, particularly relating to locally produced supply for this utility.

Although not included in our email of May 3, 2017, the Companies discussed our potential participation with the Ms. Judith Fernandes. We were advised that interrogatories were due on April 25th, a week prior. We advised that we could have our interrogatories delivered to the Board by Monday May 8, 2017. If granted intervenor status, we would of course accept the record as it stands to date, and are requesting the opportunity to participate in the hearing process, including submission of relevant interrogatories.

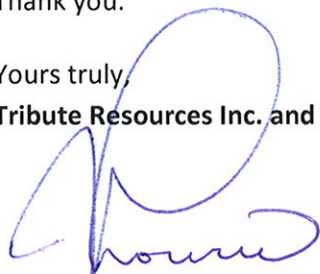
The Companies are committed to not causing any delays or interruptions to the hearing process. We are willing to work as closely as possible to the timelines of the Board and other participants and will file any interrogatories immediately upon notice from the Board that we have been granted intervenor status.

We look forward to hearing from the Board with respect to our late intervenor request.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

Tribute Resources Inc. and ON-ENERGY CORP.



Jane Lowrie
President

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Laurie O'Meara, Natural Resource Gas Limited