Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319 27th Floor 2300 Yonge Street Toronto ON M4P 1E4 Telephone: 416- 481-1967 Facsimile: 416- 440-7656 Toll free: 1-888-632-6273 Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario C.P. 2319 27e étage 2300, rue Yonge Toronto ON M4P 1E4 Téléphone: 416- 481-1967 Télécopieur: 416- 440-7656 Numéro sans frais: 1-888-632-6273



BY E-MAIL

December 22, 2017

Suzanne Wilson Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc. 7447 Pin Oak Drive Box 120 Niagara Falls ON L2E 6S9 suzanne.wilson@npei.ca

Dear Ms. Wilson:

Re: Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc. Application for Rates OEB File Number EB-2017-0063

The OEB received Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.'s 2018 Price Cap IR application on October 16, 2017. The OEB has assigned file number EB-2017-0063 to the application. An employee of the OEB, to whom authority has been delegated under Section 6 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998,* intends to make a decision on the application without holding a hearing.

Your application is available on the <u>2018 EDR webpage</u> of the OEB's website. You are directed to make a copy of the application available in a prominent place on your company's website within 3 business days.

OEB staff may have questions regarding the application and will be in contact with you directly throughout the course of the application review. OEB staff may contact you by email and/or by telephone. OEB staff has scheduled a teleconference for January 19, 2018, in the event that there are matters that need to be discussed further. Please ensure that appropriate members of your staff are available at that time, or inform the OEB case manager below if this date is unworkable.

If any additional information is received from you in response to OEB staff questions, OEB staff will update the applicable models as necessary. All changes to the models

will be documented and provided to you no later than January 26, 2018. OEB staff will also outline any additional information that you need to provide.

If you have any comments regarding the updated models, please provide them to OEB staff, along with any additional information requested by OEB staff, no later than February 9, 2018.

Following these steps, the delegated decision maker will provide you with a draft of the decision that he or she proposes to make. You may comment on the draft decision within 14 days. Where possible, a draft rate order and all applicable models will be enclosed for comment. In some circumstances you may be required to file a separate draft rate order. The delegated decision maker will consider your comments and issue a final decision and rate order.

Please note that the timely processing of the application depends on the receipt of information within the specified timelines. Any questions relating to this letter or the process for your application should be directed to Kelli Benincasa, Analyst at 416-440-7624 or Kelli.Benincasa@oeb.ca.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

Theodore Antonopoulos Vice President (Acting) of Applications