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## **BY EMAIL AND COURIER**

Montréal, March 19, 2018

Ms. Kirsten Walli Board Secretary ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD P.O. Box 2319 2300 Yonge Street, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor Toronto, Ontario M4P 1E4

## Object: Intervenor Request of Énergir L.P. Board files: EB-2017-0306 and EB-2017-0307 Our file: 312-00868

Ms. Walli,

Énergir, L.P. ("Énergir") hereby applies for intervenor status in the above-mentioned files.

Énergir is the main natural gas distributor in the province of Québec. It currently serves more than 200,000 residential, commercial, institutional and industrial customers within the territory in which it has an exclusive right of distribution and which covers a significant part of Québec.

Énergir has contracted storage and transportation service with Union Gas Limited ("**Union**"), the latter being subject to rate schedules approval by the Ontario Energy Board (the "**Board**").

The proposed rate setting mechanism and associated parameters could have an impact on the load-balancing and transport services costs related to Union current and future services which are or could be used by Énergir.

Énergir is seeking fair and balanced rates from its energy suppliers. It is also Énergir's view that ex-franchise customers should be considered in the present proceeding.

Considering the foregoing, Énergir has a substantial interest in the present proceeding and therefore respectfully requests the status of intervenor.

Énergir asks the Board to be relieved of its failure to have filed this request for intervention within the prescribed time limits. Indeed, Énergir's monitoring of public notices published by the Board did not capture these files and as such, it has become aware of their existence only very recently.



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Énergir submits that the public interest clearly favors the recognition of its intervention given the issues discussed in these files and their impact on natural gas consumers in Québec. Moreover, in the event that the Board grants Énergir the right to intervene, the latter will take the files in the state in which they are and will see to participate without the proceedings being delayed or the schedule fixed by the Board being revised.

Énergir intends to participate to the technical conference that will be held on March 28, 2018 and reserves its right afterwards to adduce evidence on specific matters that are relevant to this proceeding and to present argument at the hearing.

Énergir requests that copies of all documents in connection with this proceeding filed or issued by the applicants and the intervenors after Énergir is granted intervenor status, and any notices or correspondence, be forwarded to:

## Mr. Dave Rhéaume

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Énergir does not intend to seek an award of costs for its participation in the present proceeding.

Sincerely yours,

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