

April 27, 2018

Ms. Kirsten Walli
OEB Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: EB-2017-0129 – Draft Report of the Ontario Energy Board: Framework for the Assessment of Distributor Gas Supply Plans – Extension Request to provide written comments

Union Gas Limited (“Union”) is writing to request an extension of time to file written comments on the Draft Report of the Ontario Energy Board: Framework for the Assessment of Distributor Gas Supply Plans (“Draft Framework”). According to the Ontario Energy Board’s (“the OEB”) April 12, 2018 letter issued to interested parties including Union, the deadline to issue written comments was May 11, 2018. Union is seeking an extension to submit comments to May 25, 2018. Union informed OEB Staff of its intent to seek an extension in a discussion earlier today.

In its April 12th letter, the OEB issued the Draft Framework for comment. In terms of background, the Draft Framework followed from a series of consultations that have been held over the past three years to look at gas supply planning and the related regulatory process. A Technical Working Group was established in 2017 to provide advice related to the development of the Framework.

Although Union is committed to work diligently throughout this initiative, given the breadth of issues in the Draft Framework, in conjunction with the requirements of current major oral hearings at the OEB involving the utilities and a number of intervenors, Union is requesting the OEB extend the deadline to May 25th. These on-going proceedings include the Cap-and-Trade 2018 Compliance Plan (EB-2017-0224/0255/0275) and the Enbridge Gas Distribution–Union Amalgamation and Rate Setting Applications (EB-2017-0306/0307). This extension will afford Union and other impacted parties time to more adequately consider the Draft Framework and prepare written comments.

In the event you have any questions on the above or would like to discuss in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact me at 519-436-5473.

Yours truly,

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Manager, Regulatory Initiatives

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