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**Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.
Union Gas Limited
EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership**

**Applications for approval of the cost consequences
of 2018 cap and trade compliance plans**

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 4

May 1, 2018

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. (Enbridge Gas), Union Gas Limited (Union Gas) and EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership (EPCOR Natural Gas) (collectively the Gas Utilities) each filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) seeking approval of the forecast costs arising from their Cap and Trade Compliance Plan for the January 1 - December 31, 2018 time period. The Gas Utilities filed their applications in accordance with the OEB's *Report of the Board – Regulatory Framework for Assessment of Costs of Natural Gas Utilities' Cap and Trade Activities* (Cap and Trade Framework).¹

The OEB assigned the following file numbers to the applications: EB-2017-0224 (Enbridge Gas), EB-2017-0255 (Union Gas) and EB-2017-0275 (EPCOR Natural Gas).

Proceeding Background

On December 1, 2017, the OEB issued a Notice of Hearing for a combined public hearing to consider the application of each of the Gas Utilities.

On December 28, 2017, the OEB issued PO No.1 requesting comments on the draft Issues List and setting procedural steps for this proceeding.

¹ EB-2015-0363

On January 10, 2018, Environmental Defence (ED) and Green Energy Coalition (GEC) filed a letter indicating their wish to submit evidence related to whether the utilities have struck a reasonable and appropriate balance between purchasing carbon allowances and implementing incremental conservation programs to reduce carbon emissions. Enbridge Gas and Union Gas opposed this request.

On February 7, 2018, the OEB issued PO No. 2 requesting that ED and GEC provide an outline and budget for their proposed intervenor evidence.

On February 28, 2018, the OEB issued PO No. 3 indicating that the proposed intervenor evidence was acceptable and providing updated procedural steps.

On April 23, 2018, the OEB commenced its oral hearing related to the Gas Utilities' public evidence. The public portion of the oral hearing concluded on Friday, April 27, 2018. The OEB subsequently held in camera sessions with each applicant related to the strictly confidential evidence. The oral hearing concluded on April 30, 2018.

Written Submissions

The OEB will proceed with written submissions using two streams. The first stream will deal with evidence that forms part of the public record. The second stream will deal with the strictly confidential record. Parties wishing to make written submissions must do so consistent with the process outlined below.

The OEB may issue further procedural orders from time to time.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

With respect to the evidence that forms part of the public record:

1. Each of Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc., Union Gas Limited, and EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership shall file written argument-in-chief related to their respective public evidence with the OEB and deliver it to all other parties on or before **Thursday, May 17, 2018**.
2. Intervenors and OEB staff wishing to file written submissions related to the public evidence of the Gas Utilities' Compliance Plans shall file any submissions with the OEB and deliver them to all parties no later than **Thursday, May 31, 2018**.
3. Each of the Gas Utilities may file written reply submissions related to the public evidence of the Compliance Plans with the OEB and deliver them to all parties by

Thursday, June 14, 2018.

With respect to the evidence that forms part of the strictly confidential record:

4. Each of Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc., Union Gas Limited, and EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership shall file written argument-in-chief related to their respective strictly confidential evidence with the OEB on or before **Thursday, May 17, 2018.**
5. OEB staff may file written submissions related to the strictly confidential evidence of each of the Gas Utilities' respective Compliance Plans on or before **Thursday, June 7, 2018.** OEB staff shall deliver its written submissions to the OEB and the affected natural gas utility only.
6. Each of the Gas Utilities may file strictly confidential written reply submissions in with the OEB on or before **Thursday, June 21, 2018.**

All filings to the OEB must quote the file numbers **EB-2017-0224 / EB-2017-0255 / EB-2017-0275**, be made in searchable / unrestricted PDF format electronically through the OEB's web portal at <https://pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/>. Two paper copies must also be filed at the OEB's address provided below. Filings must clearly state the sender's name, postal address and telephone number, fax number and e-mail address. Parties must use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guideline found at <https://www.oeb.ca/industry> . If the web portal is not available parties may email their documents to the address below. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit all filings on a CD in PDF format, along with two paper copies. Those who do not have computer access are required to file 7 paper copies.

All communications should be directed to the attention of the Board Secretary at the address below, and be received no later than 4:45 p.m. on the required date.

With respect to distribution lists for all electronic correspondence and materials related to this proceeding, parties must include the Case Manager, Valerie Bennett at Valerie.Bennett@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, Ljuba Djurdjevic, at Ljuba.djurdjevic@oeb.ca, and Lawren Murray, at Lawren.murray@oeb.ca.

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