May 9, 2018

## **VIA RESS, EMAIL and COURIER**

**ENBRIDGE** 

Ms Kirsten Walli **Board Secretary** Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street, Suite 2700 Toronto, Ontario, M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. ("Enbridge") **Union Gas Limited ("Union")** EB-2017-0306 MAADs Application **EB-2017-0307 Rate Setting Mechanism Application <u>Hearing - Undertaking Responses</u>** 

Enclosed please find the following undertaking response:

- J1.1 to J1.3;
- J1.5; and
- J2.3

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

(Original Signed)

**Bonnie Jean Adams** Regulatory Coordinator

Mr. F. D. Cass, Aird & Berlis LLP (via email) CC: Mr. M. Kitchen, Union Gas Ltd (via email) All Interested Parties EB-2017-0306 & EB-2017-0307 (via email)

Filed: 2018-05-09 EB-2017-0306/EB-2017-0307 <u>Exhibit J1.1</u> Page 1 of 1 Plus Attachment

### ENBRIDGE GAS DISTRIBUTION INC. AND UNION GAS LIMITED

Undertaking of Mr. Culbert To Mr. Shepherd

REF: Tr.1, p.77

To provide the final figures for 2018 rate base in the EB-2012-0459 case.

Included as Attachment 1 to this undertaking is Exhibit B1, Tab 1, Schedule 2 from EGD's 2018 Rate Adjustment proceeding, EB-2017-0086. The exhibit shows EGD's 2018 updated forecast 2018 rate base of \$6,246.1 million, approved for establishing 2018 rates as part of that proceeding, as compared to the approved 2018 placeholder rate base of \$6,152.6 million, from EGD's 2014 – 2018 Custom Incentive Regulation application EB-2012-0459.

Within the EB-2017-0086 updated forecast rate base value, the 2018 forecast cost or redetermined value of property, plant, and equipment was updated to reflect an allocation of base pressure gas to Unregulated Storage operations, as was determined in the EB-2015-0114 Settlement Agreement. The 2018 forecast gas in storage value was updated to reflect changes resulting from the 2018 volumes re-forecast and re-determined 2018 gas supply plan. The updated gas in storage value also reflected July 1, 2017 QRAM prices, whereas the 2018 placeholder gas in storage value reflected April 1, 2013 QRAM prices. Finally, the 2018 forecast working cash allowance was also updated to reflect impacts resulting from the 2018 volumes reforecast, re-determined 2018 gas supply plan, gas purchase and storage and transportation costs valued at July 1, 2017 QRAM prices versus April 1, 2013 QRAM prices, and 2018 operation and maintenance cost updates.

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#### UTILITY RATE BASE 2018 UPDATED FORECAST

		Col. 1	Col. 2	Col. 3	Col. 4	Col. 5	Col. 6	Col. 7	Col. 8
Line No.		EB-2012-0459 Excl. CIS 2018 Utility Rate Base Placeholder  (\$Millions)	EB-2012-0459 CIS 2018 Utility Rate Base Placeholder (\$Millions)	EB-2012-0459 2018 Total Rate Base Placeholder (\$Millions)	2018 CIR Updates Excl. CIS (\$Millions)	2018 CIR Updates for CIS (\$Millions)	2018 Updated Utility Rate Base Excl. CIS (\$Millions)	2018 Utility CIS Rate Base (\$Millions)	2018 Total Updated Forecast Utility Rate Base (\$Millions)
	Property, Plant, and Equipment	,	,		,	,	,	,	,
1. 2.	Cost or redetermined value Accumulated depreciation	9,147.8 (3,249.3)	127.1 (120.1)	9,274.9 (3,369.4)	(5.6)	- -	9,142.2 (3,249.3)	127.1 (120.1)	9,269.3 (3,369.4)
3.	Net property, plant, and equipment	5,898.5	7.0	5,905.5	(5.6)	-	5,892.9	7.0	5,899.9
	Allowance for Working Capital								
4.	Accounts receivable rebillable								
	projects	1.4	-	1.4	-	-	1.4	-	1.4
5.	Materials and supplies	34.6	-	34.6	-	-	34.6	-	34.6
6.	Mortgages receivable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7.	Customer security deposits	(64.6)	-	(64.6)	-	-	(64.6)	-	(64.6)
8.	Prepaid expenses	1.0	-	1.0	-	-	1.0	-	1.0
9.	Gas in storage	276.3	-	276.3	94.6	-	370.9	-	370.9
10.	Working cash allowance	(1.6)	-	(1.6)	4.5		2.9	-	2.9
11.	Total Working Capital	247.1	-	247.1	99.1	-	346.2	-	346.2
12.	Utility Rate Base	6,145.6	7.0	6,152.6	93.5	-	6,239.1	7.0	6,246.1

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# ENBRIDGE GAS DISTRIBUTION INC. AND UNION GAS LIMITED

Undertaking of Mr. Culbert To Ms. Girvan

REF: Tr.1, p.132

To provide the final results for the gross normalized over-earnings are \$47.10 million

EGD's calculation of actual normalized 2017 utility results, that it expects to file as part of its forthcoming ESM and Deferral Clearance application, reflects a gross sufficiency of \$47.1 million to be shared with ratepayers, consistent with the amount reported as part of interrogatories and undertakings in this proceeding.

# ENBRIDGE GAS DISTRIBUTION INC. AND UNION GAS LIMITED

# Undertaking of Mr. Kitchen <u>To Ms. Girvan</u>

REF: Tr.1, p.134

To advise directionally which way the earnings sharing mechanism would go, i.e., colder winter, warmer winter.

Please see Attachment 1 for the dollar amount of earnings within Union's deadband, and if weather was warmer or colder.

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**Union Earning Sharing Results** 

ESM / Deferral	Clearance Proceeding	EB-2009-0101	EB-2010-0039	EB-2011-0038	EB-2012-0087	EB-2013-0109	No ESM	EB-2015-0010	EB-2016-0118	EB-2017-0091	Preliminary results
Ratepayer / Shareholder Sharing	Ratio %	90%/10%	20%/20%	20%/20%	20%/20%	90%/10%	N/A	20%/20%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Threshold /	Deadband %	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%	N/A	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%
Allowed	ROE %	8.81%	8.47%	8.54%	8.10%	7.67%	8.93%	8.93%	8.93%	8.93%	8.93%
Achieved	ROE % (1)	13.35%	11.24%	10.91%	10.38%	11.03%	10.67%	10.69%	%68'6	9.24%	9.15%
Gross Over Earnings (Above Allowed	ROE + Threshold) (\$Millions)	46.03	14.79	6.87	2.08	24.97	32.20	14.85	•	1	1
Earnings within Threshold /	<u>Deadband</u> (\$Millions)	36.25	37.43	37.26	35.96	36.73	N/A	19.48	19.88	7.23	5.90
Ratepayer	Share of ESM (\$Millions)	34.17	7.40	3.43	2.54	15.13	•	7.42	•	1	•
Directional Weather vs	Board-approved	Colder	Colder	Warmer	Warmer	Warmer	Colder	Colder	Colder	Warmer	Warmer
	<u>Year</u>	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017

(1) Union reports achieved ROE on an actual basis while EGD reports achieved ROE on a weather-normalized basis.

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## ENBRIDGE GAS DISTRIBUTION INC. AND UNION GAS LIMITED

Undertaking of Mr. Culbert To Mr. Ladanyi

REF: Tr.1, p.192

To reconcile the O&M FTE numbers.

The difference between the \$15 million of O&M productivity savings provided in the response to CCC Interrogatory#6 found at Exhibit C.CCC.6 Attachment 3, page 7 of 11("Productivity Report"), and the \$9 to \$10 million savings found in the response to CCC Interrogatory #7 found at Exhibit C.CCC.7, page 2 is the result of calculating the savings against two different comparators.

The \$15 million amount shown in the Productivity Report is total savings which were achieved in 2016 when compared to the 2016 Board approved budget which had \$8.7 million of embedded productivity in it.

The \$9 to \$10 million range of savings referenced in the response to CCC Interrogatory#7 found at Exhibit C.CCC.7 page 2, is the estimated impact of restructuring in 2016 that resulted in the departure of approximately 100 employees, relative to costs that would have been incurred without restructuring.

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## ENBRIDGE GAS DISTRIBUTION INC. AND UNION GAS LIMITED

# Undertaking of Mr. Culbert To Mr. Garner

REF: Tr.2, p.34

To prepare a revised version of the table at VECC Compendium Tab 3, page 17, to show non-weather-normalized results for both utilities

The Applicants note the reference should be to VECC Compendium Tab 3, p. 13. Please see the revised table below. In comparison to the table which was originally provided in Exhibit JT1.3, the EGD results have been updated to include actual achieved utility ROEs (non-weather normalized) in addition to the weather normalized ROEs.

#### **EGD Earning Sharing Results**

		Gross						
		Normalized					Ratepayer /	
		Over Earnings		Normalized			Shareholder	
	Ratepayer	(Above Allowed	Achieved	Achieved	Allowed	Threshold /	Sharing	ESM / Deferral
<u>Year</u>	Share of ESM	ROE + Threshold)	ROE %	ROE % (1)	ROE %	Deadband %	Ratio %	Clearance Proceeding
	(\$Millions)	(\$Millions)						
2008	5.60	11.20	11.87%	10.21%	8.66%	1.00%	50%/50%	EB-2009-0055
2009	19.30	38.60	12.36%	11.20%	8.31%	1.00%	50%/50%	EB-2010-0042
2010	17.35	34.70	10.25%	11.10%	8.37%	1.00%	50%/50%	EB-2011-0008
2011	14.30	28.60	10.43%	10.38%	7.94%	1.00%	50%/50%	EB-2012-0055
2012	7.39	14.80	7.62%	9.28%	7.52%	1.00%	50%/50%	EB-2013-0046
2013	=	31.20	11.13%	10.41%	8.93%	N/A	N/A	No ESM
2014	12.65	25.30	12.39%	10.46%	9.36%	0.00%	50%/50%	EB-2015-0122
2015	6.45	12.90	10.41%	9.82%	9.30%	0.00%	50%/50%	EB-2016-0142
2016	3.40	6.80	8.76%	9.42%	9.19%	0.00%	50%/50%	EB-2017-0102
2017	23.55	47.10	9.71%	10.27%	8.78%	0.00%	50%/50%	Preliminary results

### **Union Earning Sharing Results**

		Gross Over Earnings				Ratepayer / Shareholder	
	Ratepayer	(Above Allowed	Achieved	Allowed	Threshold /	Sharing	ESM / Deferral
<u>Year</u>	Share of ESM	ROE + Threshold)	ROE % (1)	ROE %	Deadband %	Ratio %	Clearance Proceeding
	(\$Millions)	(\$Millions)					
2008	34.17	46.03	13.35%	8.81%	2.00%	90%/10%	EB-2009-0101
2009	7.40	14.79	11.24%	8.47%	2.00%	50%/50%	EB-2010-0039
2010	3.43	6.87	10.91%	8.54%	2.00%	50%/50%	EB-2011-0038
2011	2.54	5.08	10.38%	8.10%	2.00%	50%/50%	EB-2012-0087
2012	15.13	24.97	11.03%	7.67%	2.00%	90%/10%	EB-2013-0109
2013	-	32.20	10.67%	8.93%	N/A	N/A	No ESM
2014	7.42	14.85	10.69%	8.93%	1.00%	50%/50%	EB-2015-0010
2015	-	-	9.89%	8.93%	1.00%	N/A	EB-2016-0118
2016	-	-	9.24%	8.93%	1.00%	N/A	EB-2017-0091
2017	=	=	9.15%	8.93%	1.00%	N/A	Preliminary results

#### Notes

 $<sup>\</sup>textbf{(1)} \ \ \textbf{Union reports achieved ROE on an actual basis while EGD reports achieved ROE on a weather-normalized basis.}$