



EB-2018-0174

Union Gas Limited

Application for quarterly rate adjustment mechanism commencing July 1, 2018

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1 July 19, 2018

Union Gas Limited (Union Gas) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) dated June 11, 2018 for an order approving or fixing rates for the sale, distribution, transmission, and storage of natural gas effective July 1, 2018 (the application).

The OEB received comments on the application from the Industrial Gas Users Association (IGUA) and the Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME) on June 18, 2018 and June 19, 2018, respectively. Neither party raised any concerns. IGUA and CME applied for the recovery of their costs with respect to their examination of the application.

On June 26, 2018, Union Gas filed a letter with the OEB indicating that it would be unable to implement new rates under the Quarterly Rate Adjustment Mechanism (QRAM) as of July 1, 2018 if the rate orders were not issued by June 27, 2018. Union Gas proposed that, in such an event, the current rates remain in place until the next QRAM cycle in the fall.

The OEB issued a letter dated June 28, 2018 accepting Union Gas' proposal to discontinue the July 1, 2018 QRAM in favour of deferring the setting of new QRAM rates, and the disposition of Union Gas' purchased gas variance account balance, to the

October 1, 2018 QRAM. Union Gas' current rate order¹ therefore remains in effect. The OEB also stated that it would address cost awards at a later date.

It is necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding. Further procedural orders may be issued by the OEB.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. A decision regarding cost awards will be issued at a later date. IGUA and CME shall file with the OEB and forward to Union Gas their respective cost claims by **August 1, 2018**. Cost claims must be prepared in accordance with the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.
2. Union Gas shall file with the OEB and forward to IGUA and CME any objections to the claimed costs by **August 8, 2018**.
3. IGUA and CME shall file with the OEB and forward to Union Gas any responses to any objections for cost claims by **August 15, 2018**.
4. Union Gas shall pay the OEB's costs incidental to this proceeding upon receipt of the OEB's invoice.

All filings to the Board must quote the file number, **EB-2018-0174** and be made electronically in searchable / unrestricted PDF format through the OEB's web portal at <https://pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/>. Two paper copies must also be filed. 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.

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.

¹ EB-2018-0104 (Union Gas April 1, 2018 QRAM)

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DATED at Toronto, **July 19, 2018**

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