



EB-2018-0105

Union Gas Limited

**Application for disposition and recovery of certain 2017
deferral account balances and approval of the earnings
sharing amount**

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1
July 20, 2018**

Union Gas Limited (Union Gas) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on June 6, 2018 for approval to dispose of and recover certain 2017 deferral account balances. Union Gas has indicated that its 2017 actual utility earnings did not exceed the threshold as agreed to in the Settlement Agreement approved in Union's 2014-2018 Incentive Regulation proceeding¹ and therefore there is no sharing of earnings with ratepayers.

The total net balance of all the deferral accounts that have been requested for disposition by Union Gas would result in a \$2.2 million debit as at December 31, 2017. If the application is approved, Union Gas stated that the disposition of the balances in the deferral accounts would have the following impact on typical residential customers over the six-month period from January 1, 2019 to June 30, 2019:

- Southern Ontario – a charge of \$6.87
- North East Ontario – a charge of \$6.36
- North West Ontario – a refund of \$13.72

A Notice of Hearing was issued on July 5, 2018 and was served and posted as per the direction of the OEB.

The following parties applied for intervenor status:

- Building Owners and Managers Association Toronto (BOMA)
- City of Kitchener
- Consumers Council of Canada (CCC)

¹ EB-2013-0202.

- Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe)
- Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario (FRPO)
- Industrial Gas Users Association (IGUA)
- London Property Management Association (LPMA)
- Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers (OGVG)
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)
- TransCanada PipeLines Limited
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)

Each of BOMA, CCC, Energy Probe, FRPO, IGUA, LPMA, OGVG, SEC and VECC also applied for cost award eligibility. No objections were received regarding the requests for intervenor status or cost eligibility.

Intervenor status is hereby granted to each of the parties listed above. Each of BOMA, CCC, Energy Probe, FRPO, IGUA, LPMA, OGVG, SEC and VECC is eligible to apply for an award of costs under the OEB's Practice Direction on Cost Awards in respect of only those accounts and issues for which the OEB indicated it would allow costs in its Notice of Hearing. The list of intervenors in this proceeding is attached as Schedule A to this procedural order.

It is necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding. The OEB may issue further procedural orders from time to time.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. OEB staff and intervenors that require information and material from Union Gas that is in addition to Union Gas' evidence and that is relevant to the hearing, shall request it by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and delivered to Union Gas and intervenors by **August 8, 2018**.
2. Union Gas shall file with the OEB complete responses to the interrogatories and deliver them to the intervenors by **August 24, 2018**.
3. A settlement conference will be convened on **September 4 and 5, 2018** at 9:30 a.m. with the objective of reaching a settlement among the parties on the issues. The Settlement Conference will be held in the OEB's hearing room at 2300 Yonge Street, 25th Floor, Toronto.
4. Any settlement proposal arising from the settlement conference shall be filed with the OEB by **September 14, 2018**.
5. If a settlement proposal is filed, OEB staff's submission on the settlement proposal shall be filed with the OEB and served on all parties within **7 days** from that date the settlement proposal is filed.

6. If there is no settlement proposal filed, Union Gas shall file a statement to that effect with the OEB by **September 12, 2018**.

All filings to the OEB must quote the file number, EB-2018-0105, 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 <http://www.oeb.ca/OEB/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 Registrar 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, Lawrie Gluck at lawrie.gluck@oeb.ca and Counsel, Michael Millar at Michael.Millar@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, **July 20, 2018**

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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Associate Registrar

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