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Ms. Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319 2300 Yonge Street, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli,

**RE:** London Property Management Association Notice of Intervention – EB-2007-0606/EB-2007-0615

Please find attached a Notice of Intervention of the London Property Management Association in the above noted application.

Sincerely,

Randy Aiken

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Encl.

cc: Mike Packer, Union Gas Limited (delivered)

Patrick Hoey, Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.

Richard Izawa, LPMA

# NOTICE OF INTERVENTION OF LONDON PROPERTY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

### **Statement of Interest**

- 1. The London Property Management Association ("LPMA") is a non-profit organization whose overall goal is to help property managers and those who own/operate residential income properties in the City of London and surrounding communities. The LPMA offers information and assistance to its members to help them deal with the legislation, rules and regulations that affect their business.
- 2. LPMA is made up of approximately 350 members ranging from single unit owners to managers and owners of in excess of 2,000 units. The membership consists of a representative cross section of the rental property owners in the London area. In total, the LPMA members own or manage more than 35,000 rental units in the London area.
- 3. LPMA members receive regulated natural gas service from Union Gas Limited primarily under rates M2 and M4. Beginning in 2008, some LPMA members will also receive service under rate M1. The membership of the LPMA wishes to intervene in this proceeding because the issues, methodologies and impacts raised by these applications may result in changes to regulated rates. The possibility of different proposals between Union Gas and Enbridge Gas also raise issues of fairness and equity for customers of one utility but not of the other.

#### Intervention

- 4. LPMA hereby gives notice of its intention to intervene in, and appear at, all phases of the public Hearing.
- 5. LPMA reserves the right to be heard, to appear by or with counsel and/or consultant, to ask interrogatories and to cross-examine on all matters raised during the proceeding that may relate to its interests, to adduce evidence on specific matters of its choice related to the Applications, and to present argument.
- 6. LPMA hereby requests that the Board, Union Gas, Enbridge Gas and all other parties provide it with copies of all evidence and correspondence related to the Application and the Hearing.

## Written or Oral Hearing

7. LPMA prefers an oral hearing to deal with the comprehensive and complex issues that will be raised as part of this proceeding. LPMA believes that the Board and intervenors would be assisted by face to face discussions of the issues that an oral hearing provides. A written hearing does not allow for a comprehensive review of the methodologies, impacts and often technical issues and complexities associated with the introduction of incentive rate applications that will have an impact on rates for a number of years.

## **Cost Eligibility**

- 8. LPMA intends to seek an award of costs. LPMA makes no submissions with respect to whether these costs should be paid by Enbridge and/or Union, other than to note that none of the LPMA members take regulated service from Enbridge.
- 9. As per Section 4.01 of the Practice Directions on Cost Awards, dated October, 2005, LPMA believes that it is eligible for an award of costs based on the Board's eligibility criteria and requests the Board's determination of such cost eligibility.
- 10. As indicated above, the LPMA is comprised of small and mid sized commercial customers of Union Gas that take regulated services from Union. Its members have a substantial interest in these proceedings, including all issues that affect rates and services available to them.
- 11. The Board's cost eligibility criteria, found in Section 3 of the Practice Directions on Cost Awards includes a number of criteria related to the LPMA. Specifically, Section 3.03 states that a party is eligible to apply for a cost award where the party primarily represents the direct interests of consumers (e.g. ratepayers) in relation to regulated services. As indicated above, the LPMA is intervening on behalf of its members which are consumers (i.e. ratepayers) in relation to regulated services provided by Union Gas. As such, the LPMA submits that it is eligible for a cost award under Section 3.03.
- 12. The LPMA notes that it has been found to be eligible for an award of costs in past proceedings for Union Gas rate applications.

#### Communications

13. All communications related to this Notice of Intervention and to this proceeding should be directed to:

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DATED at Chatham, Ontario this 30<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2007.

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