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February 5, 2019

## **Delivered by Email, RESS & Courier**

Ms. Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street 27th Floor, Box 2319 Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: Application by Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. and Union Gas Limited (amalgamated as Enbridge Gas Inc. on January 1, 2019) for an order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable rates and other charges for the sale, distribution, transmission and storage of gas as of January 1, 2019 Board File No. EB-2018-0305

We are counsel to the Association of Power Producers of Ontario ("APPrO") in the abovecaptioned matter. Please find attached APPrO's Notice of Intervention in this proceeding. Paper copies of this letter and the accompanying Notice will be delivered to you by courier.

Should you have any questions or require further information in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours very truly,

#### BORDEN LADNER GERVAIS LLP

Per: Original signed by John A. D. Vellone

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 cc: David Butters, APPrO John Wolnik, Elenchus
Kevin Culbert, Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.
Crawford Smith, Lax O'Sullivan Lisus Gottlieb LLP
Vanessa Innis, Union Gas Limited
Mark Kitchen, Union Gas Limited **IN THE MATTER OF** the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, Sched. B, as amended;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an Application by Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. and Union Gas Limited (amalgamated as Enbridge Gas Inc. on January 1, 2019), pursuant to section 36(1) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998 for an order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable rates and other charges for the sale, distribution, transmission and storage of gas as of January 1, 2019.

#### NOTICE OF INTERVENTION OF THE

#### ASSOCIATION OF POWER PRODUCERS OF ONTARIO ("APPrO")

**February 5, 2019** 

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#### AND

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## **INTRODUCTION:**

- On December 14, 2018, Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. ("EGDI") and Union Gas Limited ("UGL", and together with EDGI the "Predecessor Utilities") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") under section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, *1998*, as amended, for an Order approving or fixing interim rates for the distribution, transmission and storage of natural gas effective January 1, 2019 (the "Application"). On January 1, 2019, the Predecessor Utilities amalgamated to form Enbridge Gas Inc. (the "Applicant").
- 2. APPrO hereby requests intervenor status in the Application.
- APPrO actively participated in the Predecessor Utilities' application for amalgamation and rate-setting mechanism (EB-2017-0306 / EB-2017-0307) and in prior year rate adjustments for both EGDI (EB-2017-0086, EB-2016-0215, EB-2015-0114) and UGL (EB-2014-0271, EB-2015-0116).

## **INTEREST OF THE INTERVENOR:**

- 4. APPrO is a non-profit organization representing more than 100 companies involved in the generation of electricity in Ontario, including generators and suppliers of services, equipment and consulting services. APPrO members produce power from natural gas, as well as hydro, gas, nuclear, wind, waste wood and other sources. APPrO's members have a direct and significant interest in this proceeding.
- 5. Among APPrO's members are gas-fired generators in both Predecessor Utilities' franchise areas. In the EGDI franchise area, generators took service primarily under Rate 125. All customers in the Rate 125 rate class are power generators and are not represented by any other consumer group. Within the UGL franchise area, gas-fired generators contract for distribution and transportation services under several rate classes, including Rate 100 and Rate 20 in Union North and Rate T2 and Rate M12 in Union South.
- 6. The evidence filed by EGD and Union indicates that the proposed rate changes to the newly amalgamated Applicant's rates for regulated transportation, storage and distribution rates

for each of its three rates zones (EGD, Union North and Union South) effective January 1, 2019. These changes are material and will have an impact on generators in those areas, including APPrO's members.

- 7. APPrO was an active participant in the Predecessor Utilities' amalgamation and rate-setting mechanism applications (EB-2017-0306/EB-2017-0307). and APPrO has an interest in ensuring that the request for rates is in accordance with the Board's Decision in those proceedings.
- 8. APPrO's interest in this proceeding is to represent the interests of generators, including in respect of the Applicant's proposed implementation of the rate setting mechanism approved by the Board in the EB-2017-0306/EB-2017-0307 Decision; the request for incremental capital funding for certain EGDI and UGL capital projects; the calculation and treatment of pass-through items; the proposals regarding certain deferral and variance accounts; and the proposed effective date for rates.

# **SCOPE OF PARTICIPATION:**

9. APPrO reserves the right to participate in all aspects of the proceeding. APPrO also reserves the right to present evidence as it may deem necessary.

# **APPrO's EXPERIENCE AS A FREQUENT INTERVENOR:**

10. APPrO has a record of participating in Board proceedings as an intervenor. As required by Rule 22.03(b) of the Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure and Rule 3.03.1 of the Board's Practice Direction on Cost Awards, APPrO filed with the Board information on APPrO's mandate, objectives, membership, constituency, programs and activities and other relevant information within the previous 12 month period as part of EB-2018-0249 / EB-2018-0253, EB-2018-0331, EB-2018-0131, and EB-2017-0319. This document has been updated and attached as Attachment 1 to this Notice of Intervention.

# COSTS:

11. Pursuant to s. 3.06 of the Board's Practice Direction on Cost Awards, APPrO intends to

seek an award of costs from the Applicant. In accordance with s. 3.03(a) of the Board's Practice Direction on Cost Awards, APPrO represents the direct interests of consumers in relation to the Applicant's regulated services. APPrO's members are among the largest consumers the Applicant services.

12. APPrO has a record of participating in Board proceedings in a responsible and efficient manner and the Board determined that APPrO was eligible for cost awards in other proceedings, including in both UGL and EGDI rates cases and several natural gas proceedings that had unique impacts on power generators (including, among others, NGEIR and storage allocation proceedings). APPrO believes it is appropriate for the Board to do so again in the context of this proceeding and in light of the potential impacts of the 2019 interim rate adjustment on APPrO's members.

#### **COUNSEL/REPRESENTATIVES**

13. APPrO requests that the Board, the Applicant and all intervenors provide it and its counsel and consultant with copies of all written evidence and correspondence related to the proceeding, at the contact information below. APPrO asks that the Applicant deliver (i) paper copies of its Application, all of its prefiled evidence, and the remainder of the filings in this matter to Elenchus Research Associates Inc. at the coordinates listed below; and (ii) electronic copies of its Application and all other evidence to Borden Ladner Gervais LLP and APPrO at the coordinates listed below.

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# ALL OF WHICH IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2019

# BORDEN LADNER GERVAIS LLP

Per:

Original signed by John A. D. Vellone

John A.D. Vellone Counsel to APPrO

# Attachment 1

#### The Association of Power Producers of Ontario

## Description

The Association of Power Producers of Ontario ("APPrO") is a non-profit trade and professional organization representing more than 100 companies involved in the generation of electricity in Ontario, including generators and suppliers of services, equipment and consulting services. APPrO is the largest organization of its type in Canada. APPrO was established in 1986 as the Independent Power Producers' Society of Ontario and changed its name to APPrO in 2003.

## Mandate and objectives

APPrO's principal objective is the achievement of an economically and environmentally sustainable electricity sector in Ontario that supports the business interests of electricity generators. APPrO's role in the electricity sector is to raise awareness and understanding of its members' concerns with senior decision-makers in government, regulatory bodies and the public at large.

## Membership and representative constituency

APPrO currently has about 100 corporate members, who collectively produce more than 95% of the electricity made in Ontario. APPrO's members produce electricity from a range of sources, including natural gas, hydroelectricity, cogeneration, windpower, solar energy, biomass, biogas, nuclear energy and other sources. The total value of assets owned or operated by APPrO members is estimated at more than C\$50 billion, and the total annual sales of electricity by APPrO members exceeds C\$7 billion per year (wholesale value).

#### **Programs and activities**

APPrO acts as an advocate for its members. It aims to have a voice on regulatory and policy issues which affect generators in Ontario, including electricity market rules, power procurement processes, the regulation of the natural gas market (both provincially and federally), climate change rules and compliance mechanisms, approval requirements, transmission development, distributed generation, and a number of other issues. APPrO is a leading advocate for public policies and regulatory treatments that it believes will facilitate the development of power generation in the province and assist in the development of a more open and competitive market for power.

APPrO also organizes industry conferences and produces a number of publications. APPrO's magazine, IPPSO FACTO, is an authoritative periodical on the electricity business and policy issues in Canada.

# **APPrO's authorized representative in OEB proceedings**

APPrO's principal authorized representative in proceedings before the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") is Elenchus Research Associates Inc. ("Elenchus"), represented by John Wolnik. Borden

Ladner Gervais LLP ("BLG"), represented by John A.D. Vellone with support from other BLG associates, will provide support to APPrO and Elenchus for this proceeding EB-2018-0305. Elenchus and BLG's representation of APPrO in proceedings before the Board is pursuant to written retainer agreements.

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