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Dear Sirs:

Re: Application under Section 43 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act* for Leave to Transfer All the Voting Shares of Union Gas Limited ("Union Gas") from Westcoast Energy Inc ("WEI") to a Limited Partnership **Board File Number EB-2008-0304**

Further to your application dated September 15, 2008 the Board requires clarification and additional information with respect to the proposed ownership revision and the associated restructuring.

- 1. Please confirm that the proposed limited partnership, the proposed general partner of the proposed limited partnership and WEI will become or will remain parties to the undertakings made to the Lieutenant Governor that were undertaken by the current owners of the voting shares of Union Gas. If it is the Applicants' position that neither the proposed limited partnership nor the proposed general partner of the proposed limited partnership need to become parties to the undertaking please explain the Applicants' reasons for its position.
- 2. Please provide a statement from the Applicants as to their view of the tax effects on Union Gas after any conversion to the new ownership structure and the proposed conversion to a Nova Scotia Unlimited Liability Company. Please explain the impact of any tax savings on Union Gas and the impact of such tax savings on the IRM plan before and after conversion to the new ownership structure and its proposed conversion to a Nova Scotia Unlimited Liability Company.

- 3. Please advise whether there will be a change in the capital structure of Union Gas for rate making purposes as a result of substituting debt for the preferred shares in Union Gas that are proposed to be redeemed by WEI.
- 4. Please clarify, following any conversion of Union Gas Limited to a Nova Scotia Unlimited Liability Company:
- a) whether there will be a change in the actual capital structure of Union Gas and if so, what is that change envisioned,
- b) whether the retained earnings, share capital and contributed surplus (or book value) of the company will be replaced with subordinated shareholder notes.

Upon receipt and review of the Applicants' responses to the above-noted queries, the Board will determine whether to dispense with a hearing of the Application. In order to facilitate a prompt decision as requested in the Application, a response to the above-noted queries would be appreciated by October 6, 2008.

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary