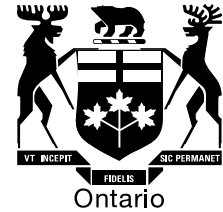


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**BY E-MAIL**

December 16, 2008

Mr. Chris Ripley  
Manager, Regulatory Applications  
Union Gas Limited  
50 Keil Drive north  
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Dear Mr.Ripley:

**Re: Union Gas Limited  
2009 Rates Application  
Interim Rate Order  
Board File No. EB-2008-0220**

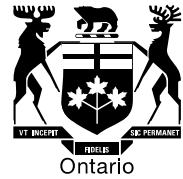
The Board has issued its Interim Rate Order in the above matter. Please see attached.

Yours truly,

*Original Signed By*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary

cc: Intervenors of Record



**EB-2008-0220**

**IN THE MATTER OF** the *Ontario Energy Board Act 1998*,  
S.O.1998, c.15, (Schedule B);

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an Application by Union Gas  
Limited for an Order or Orders approving or fixing just and  
reasonable rates and other charges for the sale, distribution,  
transmission and storage of gas effective January 1, 2009.

### **INTERIM RATE ORDER**

Union Gas Distribution Inc. ("Union") filed an Application on September 26, 2008 with the Ontario Energy Board ("Board") under section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. c.15, Sched. B, as amended, for an order of the Board approving or fixing rates for the distribution, transmission and storage of natural gas, effective January 1, 2009. The Board assigned file number EB-2008-0220 to the Application and issued a Notice of Application dated October 27, 2008.

On November 28, 2008, the Board issued Procedural Order No. 1 which set the event timetable for this proceeding.

On December 10, 2008 Union filed a Notice of Motion seeking an order declaring Union's rates interim effective January 1, 2009 on the basis that Procedural Order No. 1 does not contemplate the Board's issuance of a 2009 rate order in time for January 1, 2009 implementation.

Since new rates will not be in place for January 1, 2009, the Board orders that, in the absence of an intervening Order establishing new rates, Union's rates in effect as of January 1, 2009 shall be interim rates. In granting Union's request with respect to

interim rates, the Board emphasizes this should not be construed as predictive, in any way whatsoever, of the nature of or the content of the Board's final order in this case.

**THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:**

Union's rates in effect as at January 1, 2009 shall be interim.

**DATED** at Toronto, December 16, 2008.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

*Original signed by*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary