Ontario Energy Board Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario



EB-2013-0183

**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 Natural Resource 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 October 1, 2013.

## DECISION AND ORDER August 22, 2013

Natural Resource Gas ("NRG") filed an Application on April 22, 2013 with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") under section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. c.15, (Schedule B), for an order of the Board approving or fixing rates for the distribution, transmission and storage of natural gas, effective October 1, 2013. The Application was filed pursuant to the Board's annual rate setting incentive regulation mechanism approved in NRG's EB-2010-0018 proceeding. The Board assigned file number EB-2013-0183 to the Application and issued a Notice of Application on May 10, 2013.

The Board conducted a written hearing. Union Gas Limited ("Union") and Integrated Grain Processors Co-operative ("IGPC") requested and received intervenor status. Neither intervenor sought cost award eligibility. The Board set the timelines for interrogatories, submissions and reply argument.

Board staff and IGPC filed interrogatories. NRG did not respond to some of IGPC's interrogatories indicating that they were beyond the scope of an IRM adjustment

application. IGPC did not pursue this issue further through a motion or written submission. No party filed a submission.

The Board has reviewed the Application and finds that the rate adjustments proposed by NRG are in accordance with NRG's approved incentive regulation mechanism. The Board approves the rate adjustments proposed by NRG.

## THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- 1. NRG shall file with the Board and also send to intervenors, a draft Rate Order attaching a proposed Tariff of Rates and Charges within 10 days of the date of this Decision and Order.
- 2. Board staff and intervenors shall file any comments on the draft Rate Order with the Board and send to NRG within 7 days of the filing of the draft Rate Order.
- 3. NRG shall file with the Board and send to intervenors responses to any comments on its draft Rate Order within 7 days of the receipt of any submissions.
- 4. Pursuant to Section 30 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, NRG shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

All filings to the Board must quote file number **EB-2013-0183** and be made through the Board's web portal at <u>https://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/</u>, and consist of two paper copies and one electronic copy in searchable / unrestricted PDF format. Filings must clearly state the sender's name, postal address and telephone number, fax number and e-mail address. Please use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guideline found at <u>www.ontarioenergyboard.ca</u>. If the web portal is not available you may email your document to <u>BoardSec@ontarioenergyboard.ca</u>. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit all filings on a CD or in PDF format, along with two paper copies. Those who do not have computer access are required to file seven paper copies.

## ADDRESS

Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319 2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor Toronto ON M4P 1E4 Attention: Board Secretary

E-mail: <u>boardsec@ontarioenergyboard.ca</u> Tel: 1-888-632-6273 (Toll free) Fax: 416-440-7656

DATED at Toronto, August 22, 2013

## **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary