# Ontario Energy Board Energy East Consultation

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#### Industrial Gas Users Association

- Members from mining, metals, petrochemicals, pulp & paper and manufacturing sectors
  - o Over 24,000 jobs in Canada, 750,000 jobs worldwide
  - Members are in cyclic commodity business
  - Energy costs factor in international competitiveness, & access to capital
- Consumption exceeds 100 PJ per year
- Varied use of gas, varied load profile
  - Feedstock, process heat, power generation, space and water heating
  - o Main fuel, auxiliary fuel, back-up fuel
- Different gas service combinations
  - From system gas to own transportation and storage
- Heavy reliance on the secondary market
  - o Simple, flexible



#### **IGUA's Preoccupation**

- Ensure reliable access to natural gas at competitive price
- Reduce the landed price of gas for industrials in ON & QC
- Historical focus: Infrastructure (transmission & distribution)
  - Efficient operation, fair and equitable cost allocation, unbundled services
- Current focus: supply, infrastructure & markets
  - $\circ$   $\,$  Benefit from supply diversity and large supply basins in proximity  $\,$
  - Manage the threats from pipeline restructuring
  - Ensure efficient gas market function



## **IGUA** Expectations

- Supply-Turn proximity to Marcellus into competitive advantage
  - Reduce the landed cost of gas in Ontario
  - Enhance physical and financial liquidity at Dawn
- Infrastructure- Transition to the new supply reality
  - New production basins are not in the same place as conventional basins
  - Pipeline infrastructure needs to adjust
  - Transportation **bottlenecks** in the EOT
  - Mainline **underutilized assets** in the Prairies and NOL
  - Manage the transition process to prevent market shock
- Markets- Preserve a healthy secondary market
  - Optimizes use of pipeline capacity
  - Check on monopoly pricing by pipelines



#### **Changing Pipeline Architecture**

- We recognize that changing the architecture of the gas infrastructure is non-trivial & entails cost
- Emerging flow configurations will shape trade & investment patterns for several decades
- Settlement Agreement addresses the problem of bottlenecks in the EOT
- Energy East and Eastern Mainline aim to address the problem of underutilized Mainline assets
- Managing the transition is important

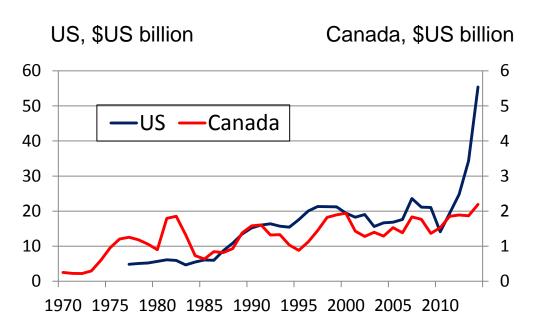


#### **Costly and Painful Process**

- Fierce fighting among the pipeline majors
- Regulatory system is strained under the magnitude, scope and pace of change
- Secondary markets constraints
- Lumpy industrial investment is going to the US

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Chemistry Industry Investment Source: Chemistry Industry Association of Canada



Data estimated for 2013, projected for 2014



#### Welcome project, concern over details



## IGUA and Energy East

- Enthusiastic about the concept of the project
  - Leverages Canadian energy resources to strengthen the industrial base in Canada
  - Brings new life to the petrochemical industry
  - Repurposes underutilized gas assets reducing stranded cost exposure
- Support the transfer of underutilized assets from Empress to North Bay
- Issues with the transfer of the utilized North Bay Shortcut
- We should find a way to build the Energy East pipeline without harming gas markets



#### North Bay Shortcut

Transfer 1200 TJ of capacity from North Bay to Ottawa from gas use to oil at a net book value of \$0.4 billion plus \$0.5 billion acquisition premium & build 575 TJ of replacement capacity at \$1.5 billion from Parkway to Iroquois

- Transferring the NBS and building gas capacity on the Montreal line makes operational sense
  - Necessary for oil that comes from the west
  - o Potentially more efficient for gas that comes from Dawn
- The transfer must also make **functional** and **economic** sense
- Problems with the current proposal
  - Functional Potential for <u>capacity shortage</u> in gas markets
  - Economic Potential for <u>cross-subsidization</u>
  - No analysis on the impact on secondary markets



## Potential for Capacity Shortage

- NBS capacity is reduced by 1200 TJ/day
- TransCanada proposes to build only 575TJ/d of replacement capacity based on the firm contracts that resulted from their open season
- Basing future demands on FT contracts alone is problematic
- Utilities warn that 575 TJ/d will leave markets short by up to 20%
- There is material difference between utility & TransCanada future gas
  demand projections
- Given that it is impossible to predict the future with accuracy, prudency is necessary
- Last winter IGUA members suffered cost overruns and service interruptions with the shortcut in place
- TransCanada's 2017 New Capacity Open Season should be factored into replacement requirements and economic assessment



#### Potential for Cross-Subsidization

- TransCanada proposed to transfer assets at NBV of \$0.4 billion plus \$0.5 billion acquisition premium and to build new for half the capacity at \$1.5 billion
- Eastern triangle gas shippers will assume larger rate base & longer amortization
- Gas markets should not be exposed to the cost of replacement capacity or construction project cost overruns
- TCPL projections for potential toll reduction due to lower revenue requirements are yet to be tested
- Impact on tolls is unclear



#### Secondary Market Erosion

- Large portion of gas volumes used in Ontario are supplied through the secondary market
- Infrastructure changes should not destroy the secondary market
- Return to pipeline monopoly services could be costly and inefficient



## Safeguarding Ontario Interests

- Ensure sufficient capacity remains in gas service to meet current and future Ontario demand
  - There is material difference between utility & TransCanada future gas demand projections
  - 2017 NCOS capacity should be factored into replacement requirements & economic assessment
  - Given that it is impossible to predict the future with accuracy, prudency is necessary
  - Secondary market functionality should be preserved
- Ensure transfer costs are equitable
  - Protect gas users against transfer-driven cost exposure (replacement NBS capacity cost & construction cost overrun)
- Ensure Ontario tolls remain competitive and decrease in the long term

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#### Thank You

