

EB-2005-0551

**IN THE MATTER OF** a proceeding initiated by the Ontario Energy Board to determine whether it should order new rates for the provision of natural gas, transmission, distribution and storage services to gas-fired generators (and other qualified customers) and whether the Board should refrain from regulating the rates for storage of gas.

#### PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 3

On December 29, 2005, the Ontario Energy Board issued a Notice of Proceeding on its own motion to determine (i) whether it should order new rates for the provision of natural gas, transmission, distribution and storage services to gas-fired generators (and other qualified customers); and (ii) whether to refrain, in whole or part, from exercising its power to regulate the rates charged for the storage of gas in Ontario by considering whether, as a question of fact, the storage of gas in Ontario is subject to competition sufficient to protect the public interest. The Natural Gas and Electricity Interface Review ("NGEIR") proceeding was commenced pursuant to sections 19, 36 and 29, respectively of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998.* The Notice of Proceeding directed Enbridge Gas Distribution ("Enbridge") and Union Gas Limited ("Union") to file evidence on potential rates for gas-fired generators.

On January 23, 2006, the Board issued Procedural Order No. 1 which identified the issues to be addressed in this proceeding to include rates for gas-fired generators, storage regulation and transportation capacity bidding process and allocation. Procedural Order No. 1 also sets a schedule for the remaining steps in this proceeding.

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On February 28, 2006, the Board issued Procedural Order No. 2 which outlined the mandatory evidence to be filed by Enbridge on the Rate 300 series rates and a revised NGEIR timetable.

On March 10, 2006, the Board issued Procedural Order No. 2 of the Union 2007 rates proceeding (EB-2005-0520). In Appendix "B" of the Union Procedural Order, the Board moved four issues from the Union 2007 rates proceeding to the NGEIR proceeding. For ease of reference, these issues are listed in Appendix "A" of this Procedural Order and the Board wishes to provide direction to Union for filing evidence related to these issues.

The Board may issue further Procedural Orders from time to time.

#### THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Union shall file evidence with respect to Issue 4 Power Services M12 Service Upgrades for Power Producers as outlined in Appendix "A" to this procedural order on or before March 20, 2006.
- 2. Union shall file evidence with respect to issues relating to storage (Issues 1 to 3 as outlined in Appendix "A" to this procedural order) on or before May 1, 2006.
- 3. The evidence outlined above shall be filed by 4:30 p.m. on the specified dates with the Board Secretary at the OEB's mailing address and/or by email (see below). Ten (10) paper copies of the evidence with an electronic copy in Microsoft Word and searchable Adobe PDF should be provided.

All filings with the Board should be directed to:

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ISSUED at Toronto, March 15, 2006

# **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Original signed by

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# **APPENDIX "A"**

## **TO PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 3**

## **BOARD FILE NO. EB-2005-0551**

**DATED: March 15, 2006** 

# Union Gas Limited 2007 Rate Case EB-2005-0520

## List of Issues placed in NGEIR

	Issue	Placement	Union 2007 Exhibit
1	Matters Relating to Market Pricing of Storage Services (1)	Natural Gas-Electricity Interface Review (NGEIR) EB-2005-0551	
2	Proposal to Eliminate S&T Deferral Accounts (TS Revenue Sharing)	NGEIR	C1/T3/p22
3	Proposal to Change Blanket Storage Order	NGEIR	C1/T3/p27
4	Power Services - M12 Service Upgrades for Power Producers	NGEIR	H1/T2/p15-27

<sup>(1)</sup> Refer to Appendix "C" ("Issues for EB-2005-0551 Proceeding") of Procedural Order No. 2 dated February 28, 2006 in Board Proceeding EB-2005-0551 (NGEIR)