

May 15, 2006

Ontario Energy Board  
2300 Yonge Street  
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Toronto, Ontario  
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Attention: Mr. John Zych, Board Secretary

**Re: EB-2006-0084 – Union Gas Comments on Proposed New Practice Direction on Confidential Filings**

Dear Mr. Zych:

As requested, Union Gas (“Union”) is providing its comments concerning the Proposed New Practice Direction on Confidential Filings and Related Proposed Amendments to the Board’s Rules of Practice and Procedure that was made available via web posting April 24, 2006.

Union supports the proposed changes, which it understands are based on Board’s objective of establishing uniform procedures for the filing of confidential materials in relation to all matters that come before the Ontario Energy Board. Union also believes that there must be a balance between the objectives of transparency and openness and the need to protect confidential information in appropriate cases.

Union supports the Board’s recognition of the need for confidentiality of contracts with third parties that contain commercially sensitive information, as described in section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (Ontario). In addition, Union supports the Board’s confirmation of the confidentiality of information provided to the Board using templates or filing guidelines which indicate the information will be treated in confidence.

Yours truly,

*[Original signed by]*

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