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Union Gas Proposal

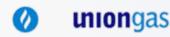
for Multi-year Incentive Regulation for Natural Gas Utilities EB-2006-0209 Return on Equity

Stakeholder Meeting

November 2, 2006

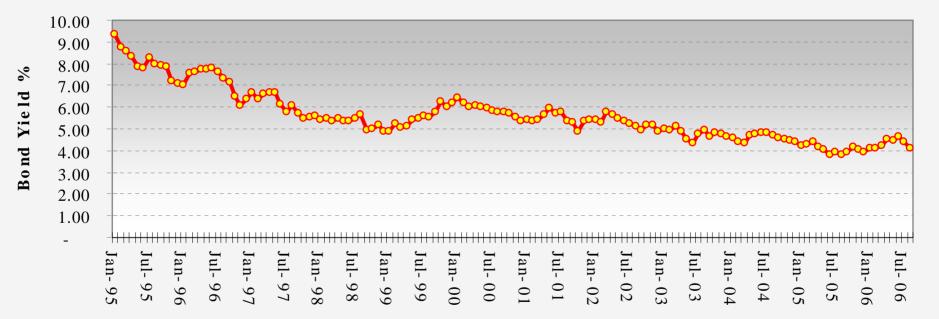
Pass-Through Items Return on Equity (ROE)

- ROE in Ontario natural gas rate regulation is largely formulaic in nature and is primarily based on the yield of long term Canadian bonds (ROE is generally established annually in the month of October for implementation the following January).
- Therefore, Canadian bond rates have a material impact on utility earnings as they flow through the ROE calculation yet they are outside of management's control.



Pass-Through Items – ROE Canada 10 Year Government Bond Yield

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