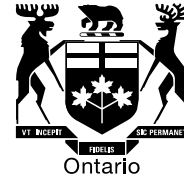


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TO: ENBRIDGE GAS DISTRIBUTION INC.
NATURAL RESOURCES GAS LIMITED
UNION GAS LIMITED
ALL GAS MARKETERS
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**RE: ISSUANCE OF GAS REPORTING AND RECORDING REQUIREMENTS (RRR)
RULES FOR REGULATED NATURAL GAS UTILITIES AND REQUIREMENTS
FOR LICENSED NATURAL GAS MARKETERS**

The Ontario Energy Board, on its own motion under section 52 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, initiated a process to amend gas marketers' licences and implement reporting and record-keeping requirements under the authority of the amended licence. The Board also gave notice of its intention to exercise its authority under section 44 of the Act to make rules for the reporting and record keeping requirements for gas utilities. The Board has decided to amend gas marketer licences issued prior to December 9, 2003 in accordance with its proposal. Licences issued on or after that date already include the necessary provisions.

The gas rule for utilities and licence requirements for gas marketers approved by the Board come into force on July 1, 2005. This will allow gas utilities and gas marketers sufficient time to implement changes to accommodate the RRRs.

The first quarterly submission for the period from July 1, 2005 to September 30, 2005 will be due on November 30, 2005. The gas utility annual financial statements for the fiscal year ending in 2005 will continue to be on a full fiscal year and will be due on the last day of the fourth month after the fiscal year end. With respect to other gas utility annual RRR information, the Board does not require the full year's information to be filed for 2005, as utilities will only start collecting RRR information from July 1, 2005. These will be due on the last day of the fourth month after the financial year end, except for subsection 2.1.12, which will be due on the sixth month after the financial year end.

For 2005, the self-certifications under subsections 2.2.1, 2.2.4 and 2.2.5 of the Gas Rule for the gas utilities will be due on April 30, 2006. In addition, self-certifications under subsections 2.2.2 and 2.2.3 of the gas RRRs for gas utilities will be effective for 2006 and will be due April 30, 2007.

Gas utilities and gas marketers are expected to comply with existing reporting requirements of any Board Decision as it relates to them up to the time these RRRs are fully implemented.

The Board will provide the forms for the RRR filings at a later date.

Gas utilities and gas marketers may seek exemptions for specific RRR requirements by applying for Board approval.

This letter, the RRR documents, the Compendium and the licence amendment will be available under "What's New" on the Board's web site at <http://www.oeb.on.ca>. The purpose of the Compendium is to set out the rationales underlying the RRRs.

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Yours truly,

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