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NOTICE OF FILING REQUIREMENT FOR SERVICE AGREEMENTS UNDER THE GAS DISTRIBUTION ACCESS RULE

February 13, 2004

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On December 11, 2002, the Ontario Energy Board exercised its authority under section 44 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, to make the Gas Distribution Access Rule.

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The Board directs each gas distributor, under subsection 21(1) of the Act, to file by Monday, March 1, 2004, for Board approval, its proposed form of Service Agreement that it intends to offer gas vendors. The proposed service agreements received by the Board will be available for public inspection on the Board's website at www.oeb.gov.on.ca and at the office of the Board during normal business hours. Each gas distributor shall provide a copy of its proposed form of Service Agreement to all persons on the attached list, by the same date.

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Any person wishing to make comments on the proposed form of service agreements, including their scope, content, level of standardization, and electronic business transaction requirements, shall file submissions with the Board no later than 4:45 p.m. on Monday, March 22, 2004. Any person filing a submission shall provide a copy to each gas distributor by the same date.

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Any gas distributor wishing to respond to the filed submissions shall file responses with the Board, no later than 4:45 p.m. on Monday, April 5, 2004.

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All persons wishing to make submissions shall file <u>original and 12 paper copies</u> and an electronic copy, in PDF format, if possible, with the Board Secretary.

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The written representations received by the Board will be available for public inspection on the Board's website at **www.oeb.gov.on.ca** and at the office of the Board during normal business hours.

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If you have any questions, please contact Judith Fernandes at 416 440-7654 or Jim MacDougall at 416 440-8141.

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Yours truly,

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