



RP-2003-0063

EB-2003-0087

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*,
S.O.1998, c.15, Sched. B.

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Union Gas Limited for an order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable rates and other charges for the sale, distribution, storage, and transmission of gas commencing January 1, 2004.

BEFORE:

Paul B. Sommerville
Presiding Member

Art Birchenough
Member

INTERIM ORDER

Union Gas Limited (“Union”) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board dated May 2, 2003, under section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c.15, Sched. B for an order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable rates and other charges for the sale, distribution, storage, and transmission of gas for its fiscal 2004 test year commencing January 1, 2004. The Board has assigned file number RP-2003-0063 to this application.

The Board considers it necessary, pending final disposition of the RP-2003-0063 application, to make an order declaring interim, effective January 1, 2004, for a period of not more than one year the current rates and other charges for the sale, distribution, storage, and transmission of gas. The current rates and other charges were approved by the Board on July 25, 2002, under Board Order RP-2002-0130 and adjusted under the Quarterly Rate Adjustment Mechanism Order, EB-2003-0230, dated September 19, 2003.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. The rates and other charges approved for the sale, distribution, storage, and transmission of gas by Union under Board Order RP-2002-0130 and subsequently adjusted under the Quarterly Rate Adjustment Mechanism shall remain in effect for a period of not more than one year and may be subject to change retroactive to January 1, 2004.

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ISSUED at Toronto, December 24, 2003.

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Paul B. Pudge
Assistant Secretary