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RP-2002-0147

EB-2003-0061

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

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AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Natural
Resource Gas Limited for an Order or Orders approving or
fixing just and reasonable rates and other charges for the sale,
distribution and transmission of gas as of May 1, 2003.

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BEFORE:

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Paul Vlahos
Presiding Member and Interim Chair

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Arthur Birchenough
Member

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RATE ORDER

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Natural Resource Gas Limited (“NRG”) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the
“Board”) dated March 26, 2003, for an order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable rates
for the sale and distribution of gas commencing May 1, 2003. In particular, NRG requested that the
gas supply charge be increased by \$0.028826/m³ from \$0.279307/m³ to \$0.308133/m³ and the Pur-
chased Gas Commodity Variance Account (“PGCVA”) reference price be increased by \$0.028826/
m³ from \$0.278953/m³ to \$0.307779/m³. NRG’s application was given Board File No. RP-2002-
0147/EB-2003-0061.

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NRG provided written evidence in support of its application.

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The Board issued a Notice of Written Hearing and Procedural Order No.1, dated April 1, 2003, and
served it upon Union Gas Limited and Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc., the intervenors of record in
NRG rate case RP-2002-0147. Board staff filed interrogatories on April 1, 2003 and NRG filed a
reply to these interrogatories in a letter dated April 2, 2003. No intervenor interrogatories or sub-
missions were received.

Having reviewed the evidence, the Board is satisfied that the gas supply price and the PGCVA reference price need to be increased to reflect NRG's gas cost forecast from May 1, 2003 to April 30, 2004 and to mitigate the potential customer impact of an increasing PGCVA debit balance.

The Board finds that it is in the public interest to approve the proposed change to the gas supply charge and to NRG's PGCVA reference price.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

- 1 The gas supply charge shall be increased by $\$0.028826/\text{m}^3$ from $\$0.279307/\text{m}^3$ to $\$0.308133/\text{m}^3$ and the rates schedules attached as Appendix "A" are approved for all gas bills rendered by NRG on or after May 1, 2003.
- 2 The reference price for use in determining the amounts to be recorded in the PGCVA (Account No. 179-27) shall be increased by $\$0.028826/\text{m}^3$ from $\$0.278953/\text{m}^3$ to $\$0.307779/\text{m}^3$, as shown in Appendix "B".
- 3 The customer notice in Appendix "C" is approved and the notice shall be given to all customers with the first bill or invoice reflecting the new rates.

ISSUED at Toronto, April 24, 2003.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Paul B. Pudge
Board Secretary