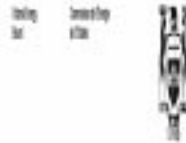


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**EB-2002-0229**

**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 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 and storage of gas commencing  
June 1, 2002. Richmond Hill Hydro Inc

**BEFORE:**

Malcolm Jackson  
Presiding Member

Ken McCann  
Member

**RATE ORDER**

Natural Resource Gas Limited (“NRG”) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) dated April 9, 2002, for an order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable rates for the sale and distribution of gas commencing June 1, 2002. In particular NRG requested that the gas supply charge be decreased by \$0.06/m<sup>3</sup> to \$0.206653/m<sup>3</sup> and the Purchased Gas Cost Variance Account (“PGCVA”) reference price be decreased by \$0.06/m<sup>3</sup> to \$0.206299/m<sup>3</sup>. NRG’s Application was given Board File No. EB-2002-0229.

NRG provided written evidence in support of its application.

The Board issued Procedural Order 1, dated April 16, 2002, and served it upon Union Gas Limited, The Consumers’ Gas Company Ltd. and the HVAC Coalition, the intervenors of record in NRG rate case RP-2000-0126. No submissions were received from any of the parties.

A report was filed by Board staff, from Board Staff, dated May 15, 2002, supporting the Application. The Board has reviewed the pre-filed evidence and the report received from Board staff. The

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

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

- 1 The gas supply charge shall be decreased by \$0.06/m<sup>3</sup> to \$0.206653/m<sup>3</sup> and, as such, the rates schedules attached as Appendix "A" are approved for all gas bills sent out by NRG effective June 1, 2002..
- 2 The customer notice in Appendix "B" is approved and the notice shall be given to all customers with the first bill or invoice reflecting the new rates.
- 3 The reference price for use in determining the amounts to be recorded in the PGCVA (Account No. 179-27) shall be decreased by \$0.06/m<sup>3</sup> to \$0.206299/m<sup>3</sup>, as shown in Appendix "C" .

DATED at Toronto, May 27,2002

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

**Peter H. O'Dell**  
**Assistant Board Secretary**