

## **Distribution Access Rule Task Force Minutes of Meeting #2 February 2, 2000**

Attendance list: attached.

Agenda: distributed in advance; copy attached.

Adoption of the minutes of Meeting #1 was deferred to the next meeting. All members are asked to review the minutes of Meetings #1 and #2 and be prepared to identify any errors or omissions, preferably before the next meeting, so that the minutes can be adopted at the next meeting.

### **1. Subcommittee Reporting**

It is intended that the designated Liaison for each Committee will report back to the full Task Force at each meeting. In particular, the Liaison should summarize issues that were address based on the minutes of the meeting, and be prepared to provide additional detail on the discussion if member of the Task Force that were not at the Committee meeting, as requested. At each Task Force meeting, the Liaison should also be prepared to present to the Task Force new drafts of Position Papers prepared by the Committee. Other participants in each Committee, of course, are free to add comments, when appropriate.

### **2. Report of Committee #1 SSO**

In the absence of a designated Liaison, John Todd reported on the first meeting of the SSO Committee (#1). The report was an abbreviated version of the Minutes and is not repeated in these minutes.

A member asked whether the Task Force would consider and make recommendations regarding the terms and conditions of SSO, with the Board making its determinations upon completion of this process. After initially indicating that the Task Force should only examine rules of access, and not terms and conditions, Board Staff agreed to seek further direction. Staff will report back on the process that will establish the terms and conditions for natural gas SSO, if not this Task Force.

### **3. Report of Committee #2 Customer Transfers**

In the absence of a designated Liaison, John Todd reported on the first meeting of the Customer Transfer Committee (#2). The report was an abbreviated version of the Minutes and is not repeated in these minutes.

It was agreed that no further work should be done by this Committee that is contingent on the working assumption that utilities must take the customers direction as to changes on supplier at any time. The Committee will rely on the Board approved version of the electricity Retail Settlement Code, which is expected within the next few weeks, as an indication of the Board's view on this issue. It was further noted that the Board's view on this matter in the context of the electricity market is not determinative of the Board's view in the context of the natural gas market, where direct purchase is the supply arrangement of the majority of customers.

#### **4. Future Work of the Task Force**

Aleck Dadson offered to provide to the Task Force material he has available concerning natural gas Distribution Access policies and procedures in other jurisdictions. This information should assist the Task Force in determining the approaches that would be most consistent with practices in other jurisdictions.

The future work plan for the Task Force was agreed to as follows:

- Committee #4 was established: Settlement and Prudential Requirements
  - Union has addressed the business model for billing and offered to arrange for Wayne Andrews to attend the first meeting and make a presentation on the current views of Union Gas
  - [It was subsequently confirmed after the meeting that Wayne will make his presentation to the Committee at 11:30 am, Wed. Feb 16.]
  - It was observed that settlements may not be an issue of concern in the context of natural gas. This topic may not have to be addressed by the Committee.
- A member observed that it will be necessary for the Task Force, or some other OEB process, to address standards for data transfers. Staff will determine whether any other process would be more appropriate than this Task Force for addressing this issue.
- Future meeting dates have been set as follows:
  - Task Force meeting will take place on Feb 16, March 1, 15, 22, April 5, 19 and May 3.
  - Committee #3 is to meet after this (Feb 2) Task Force meeting, with the next meeting to be on Feb 17.
  - Committee #1, and #2, if there are any issues that are not dependent on the resolution of the status of the Working Assumption, will take place on Feb.11.
  - Committee #4 will have its first meeting on Feb 16, after the Task Force meeting. It will start with Wayne's presentation, as noted above.

Staff asked members to consider the preferred use of the research resources that the OEB is prepared to make available (80 hrs of consulting time of PHB will be made available to the Task by Staff). Members should be prepared to address this issue at the next meeting.

**ATTENDANCE**  
**Distribution Access Rule Task Force**  
**Meeting #2 February 2, 2000**

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| Blake, Bill        | NRG                           |
| Dadson, Aleck      | Enron Canada                  |
| Davies, Martin     | OEB Staff                     |
| Goldsilver, Eric   | MEU coalition                 |
| Hamilton, Jim      | Enbridge                      |
| Jones, Elizabeth   | TCGS                          |
| Litt, Kathi        | OEB Staff                     |
| Petruzella, Nick   | Six Nations                   |
| Quinn, Dwayne      | Kitchener                     |
| Reghelini, Marcel  | Union                         |
| Schoenmakers, Jack | OESC (also Rebecca MacDonald) |
| Schumann, Helmuth  | MEST                          |
| Scully, Peter      | ECNG                          |
| Todd, John         | OEB Facilitator               |
| Vegh, George       | CEED                          |
| Villanueva, Gerry  | Direct                        |