



**Ontario Energy Board
Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario**

DECISION AND INTERIM ORDER

EB-2016-0341

NATURAL RESOURCE GAS LIMITED

**Application for quarterly rate adjustment mechanism commencing
January 1, 2017**

By Delegation, before: Pascale Duguay

December 21, 2016

INTRODUCTION AND PROCESS

Natural Resource Gas Limited (NRG) filed an application dated December 12, 2016, with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) for an order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable rates and other charges for the sale and distribution of natural gas commencing January 1, 2017 (the application).

The application was made pursuant to section 36(1) of the Act and in accordance with the Quarterly Rate Adjustment Mechanism established by the Board for dealing with changes in gas costs.¹

The rates in the application also include the implementation of the rates previously approved by the OEB, on an interim basis, to recover the cost consequences of NRG's proposed cap-and trade compliance plan.

NRG provided written evidence in support of the proposed changes outlined in the application. NRG provided the application and pre-filed evidence to all parties of record in NRG's last rates proceeding.²

Parties wishing to comment on the application were required to file their submissions to the OEB by December 17, 2016.

OEB Staff filed comments on December 16, 2016. OEB staff requested NRG to confirm whether gas purchases from NRG Corp., a related company, would continue post approval of the sale of NRG's assets to EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership (EPCOR) and the price that the acquired utility would pay NRG Corp for local production. NRG was also requested to provide the basis for calculating the forecast prices for the period January 2017 to December 2017 and to confirm the use of the Dawn Reference Price as opposed to the Ontario Landed Reference Price (no longer being used by Union Gas Limited) for calculating the price of gas purchases from NRG Corp. in excess of 1.0 million cubic meters.

NRG in reply indicated that EPCOR would continue purchasing gas from NRG Corp. and the parties are currently negotiating a gas purchase agreement. With respect to calculating forecast prices for the period January 2017 to December 2017, NRG noted that it is now a system gas customer of Union Gas Limited (Union) and its price forecast was based on the rate charged by Union and the cost of gas purchased from NRG Corp

¹ EB-2008-0106.

² EB-2015-0115

for local production. The gas purchase price of local production was set by the OEB at a fixed price for the first 1.0 million cubic meters and at the Ontario Landed Reference Price calculated by Union for any gas purchases in excess of 1.0 million cubic meters.

OEB FINDINGS

I approve the application as filed. NRG's rates will continue to be interim until such time that the OEB approves the cap-and-trade related charges on a final basis, and NRG's 2017-2021 rates application³ is re-submitted and adjudicated pending the outcome of NRG's assets acquisition by EPCOR. The approval to use the Dawn Reference Price for determining the cost of gas purchases in excess of 1.0 million cubic meters from NRG Corp. is also approved on an interim basis. This matter should be brought forward in NRG's 2017-2021 rates application.

NRG's rates will be adjusted effective January 1, 2017 on an interim basis to reflect the projected changes in gas costs and prospective recovery of the projected twelve-month balances of the gas supply deferral accounts for the period ending December 2017. The reference price shall also be adjusted to reflect the projected changes in gas costs.

The resulting bill impact for a typical residential customer who uses about 2,000 cubic meters of natural gas per year and who purchases gas supply from NRG is an increase of about \$16 on an annual basis for the commodity portion of the bill. This amount does not include the impact of the rates previously approved by the OEB on an interim basis to recover the cost consequences of NRG's proposed cap-and trade compliance plan.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The rates approved for NRG as part of decision and order EB-2016-0266, dated September 22, 2016, shall be superseded by the rates as provided in Appendix "A" and attached to this Decision and Interim Order.
2. The rates shall be effective January 1, 2017 and shall be implemented in NRG's first billing cycle commencing in January 2017.
3. The reference price for use in determining the amounts to be recorded in the Purchase Gas Commodity Variance Account (Account No.179-27) shall

³ EB-2016-0236

increase by \$0.011073 per m³ from the previous OEB approved level of \$0.164931 per m³ to **\$0.176004** per m³ as shown in Schedule “A” of Appendix “A” attached to this Decision and Interim Order.

4. The balance in the Gas Purchase Rebalancing Account shall be prospectively cleared. The resulting gas supply charge will increase from the previous OEB approved level of \$0.166850 per m³ to **\$0.174599** per m³ as noted in Schedule “A” of Appendix “A” attached to this Decision and Interim Order.
5. The appropriate form of customer notice as set out in Appendix “C” shall accompany each customer’s first bill or invoice following the implementation of this Decision and Interim Order.

All filings to the OEB must quote file number **EB-2016-0341** and consist of two paper copies and one electronic copy in searchable / unrestricted PDF format filed through the OEB’s web portal at <https://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/>. Filings must clearly state the sender’s name, postal address and telephone number and, if available, a fax number and e-mail address. Please use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guideline found on the “e-Filing Services” webpage of the OEB’s website at www.ontarioenergyboard.ca. If the web portal is not available you may email your document to BoardSec@ontarioenergyboard.ca.

ISSUED at Toronto, December 21, 2016

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

**APPENDIX "A" TO
DECISION AND INTERIM ORDER
OEB FILE NO. EB-2016-0341
DATED: December 21, 2016**

NATURAL RESOURCE GAS LIMITED

RATE 1 - General Service Rate

Rate Availability

The entire service area of the Company.

Eligibility

All customers.

Rate

a)	Monthly Fixed Charge	\$13.50
b)	Delivery Charge	
	First 1,000 m ³ per month	16.2312 cents per m ³
	All over 1,000 m ³ per month	10.9099 cents per m ³
c)	Cap and Trade Customer Related Charge	3.3497 cents per m ³
	Cap and Trade Facility Related Charge	0.0448 cents per m ³
d)	Gas Supply Charge and System Gas Refund Rate Rider (if applicable)	Schedule A

Meter Readings

Gas consumption by each customer under this rate schedule shall be determined by monthly meter reading, provided that in circumstances beyond the control of the company such as strikes or non-access to a meter, the company may estimate the consumption each month as of the scheduled date of the regular monthly meter reading and render a monthly bill to the customer thereof.

Delayed Payment Penalty

When payment is not made in full by the due date noted on the bill, which date shall not be less than 16 calendar days after the date of mailing, hand delivery or electronic transmission of the bill, the balance owing will be increased by 1.5%. Any balance remaining unpaid in subsequent months will be increased by a further 1.5% per month. The minimum delayed payment penalty shall be one dollar (\$1.00).

Bundled Direct Purchase Delivery

Where a customer elects under this rate schedule to directly purchase its gas from a supplier other than NRG, the customer or their agent, must enter into a Bundled T-Service Receipt Contract with NRG for delivery of gas to NRG. Bundled T-Service Receipt Contract rates are described in rate schedule BT1. The gas supply charge will not be applicable to customers who elect said Bundled T transportation service.

Unless otherwise authorized by NRG, customers who are delivering gas to NRG under direct purchase arrangements must obligate to deliver said gas at a point acceptable to NRG, and must acquire and maintain firm transportation on all pipeline systems upstream of Ontario.

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NATURAL RESOURCE GAS LIMITED

RATE 2 - Seasonal Service

Rate Availability

The entire service area of the company.

Eligibility

All customers.

Rate

For all gas consumed from:	April 1 through October 31:	November 1 through March 31:
a) Monthly Fixed Charge	\$15.00	\$15.00
b) Delivery Charge		
First 1,000 m ³ per month	15.8212 cents per m ³	19.9424 cents per m ³
Next 24,000 m ³ per month	9.4826 cents per m ³	15.6960 cents per m ³
All over 25,000 m ³ per month	6.1698 cents per m ³	15.2899 cents per m ³
c) Cap and Trade Customer Related Charge	3.3497 cents per m ³	3.3497 cents per m ³
Cap and Trade Facility Related Charge	0.0448 cents per m ³	0.0448 cents per m ³
d) Gas Supply Charge and System Gas Refund Rate Rider (if applicable)		Schedule A

Meter Readings

Gas consumption by each customer under this rate schedule shall be determined by monthly meter reading, provided that in circumstances beyond the control of the company such as strikes or non-access to a meter, the company may estimate the consumption each month as of the scheduled date of the regular monthly meter reading and render a monthly bill to the customer thereof.

Delayed Payment Penalty

When payment is not made in full by the due date noted on the bill, which date shall not be less than 16 calendar days after the date of mailing, hand delivery or electronic transmission of the bill, the balance owing will be increased by 1.5%. Any balance remaining unpaid in subsequent months will be increased by a further 1.5% per month. The minimum delayed payment penalty shall be one dollar (\$1.00).

Bundled Direct Purchase Delivery

Where a customer elects under this rate schedule to directly purchase its gas from a supplier other than NRG, the customer or their agent, must enter into a Bundled T-Service Receipt Contract with NRG for delivery of gas to NRG. Bundled T-Service Receipt Contract rates are described in rate schedule BT1. The gas supply charge will not be applicable to customers who elect said Bundled T transportation service.

Unless otherwise authorized by NRG, customers who are delivering gas to NRG under direct purchase arrangements must obligate to deliver said gas at a point acceptable to NRG, and must acquire and maintain firm transportation on all pipeline systems upstream of Ontario.

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NATURAL RESOURCE GAS LIMITED

RATE 3 - Special Large Volume Contract Rate

Rate Availability

Entire service area of the company.

Eligibility

A customer who enters into a contract with the company for the purchase or transportation of gas:

- a) for a minimum term of one year;
- b) that specifies a combined daily contracted demand for firm and interruptible service of at least 700 m³; and
- c) a qualifying annual volume of at least 113,000 m³.

Rate

1. Bills will be rendered monthly and shall be the total of:

a) A Monthly Customer Charge:

A Monthly Customer Charge of \$150.00 for firm or interruptible customers; or
A Monthly Customer Charge of \$175.00 for combined (firm and interruptible) customers.

b) A Monthly Demand Charge:

A Monthly Demand Charge of 29.0974 cents per m³ for each m³ of daily contracted firm demand.

c) A Monthly Delivery Charge:

(i) A Monthly Firm Delivery Charge for all firm volumes of 4.0357 cents per m³,

(ii) A Monthly Interruptible Delivery Charge for all interruptible volumes to be negotiated between the company and the customer not to exceed 10.9612 cents per m³ and not to be less than 7.9412 per m³.

d) Cap and Trade Customer Related Charge

3.3497 cents per m³

Cap and Trade Facility Related Charge

0.0448 cents per m³

e) Gas Supply Charge and System Gas Refund Rate Rider (if applicable)

Schedule A

f) Overrun Gas Charges:

Overrun gas is available without penalty provided that it is authorized by the company in advance. The company will not unreasonably withhold authorization.

If, on any day, the customer should take, without the company's approval in advance, a volume of gas in excess of the maximum quantity of gas which the company is obligated to deliver to the customer on such day, or if, on any day, the customer fails to comply with any curtailment notice reducing the customer's take of gas, then,

(i) the volume of gas taken in excess of the company's maximum delivery obligation for such day, or

(ii) the volume of gas taken in the period on such day covered by such curtailment notice (as determined by the company in accordance with its usual practice) in excess of the volume of gas authorized to be taken in such period by such curtailment notice,

as the case may be, shall constitute unauthorized overrun volume.

Any unauthorized firm overrun gas taken in any month shall be paid for at the Rate 3 Firm Delivery Charge, the Cap and Trade Customer Related Charge and the Cap and Trade Facility Related Charge in effect at the

time the overrun occurs. In addition, the Contract Demand level shall be adjusted to the actual maximum daily volume taken and the Demand Charges stated above shall apply for the whole contract year, including retroactively, if necessary, thereby requiring recomputation of bills rendered previously in the contract year.

Any unauthorized interruptible overrun gas taken in any month shall be paid for at the Rate 1 Delivery Charge, the Cap and Trade Customer Related Charge and the Cap and Trade Facility Related Charge in effect at the time the overrun occurs plus any Gas Supply Charge applicable.

For any unauthorized overrun gas taken, the customer shall, in addition, indemnify the company in respect of any penalties or additional costs imposed on the company by the company's suppliers, any additional gas cost incurred or any sales margins lost as a consequence of the customer taking the unauthorized overrun volume.

2. In negotiating the Monthly Interruptible Commodity Charge referred to in 1(c)(ii) above, the matters to be considered include:

- a) The volume of gas for which the customer is willing to contract;
- b) The load factor of the customer's anticipated gas consumption, the pattern of annual use, and the minimum annual quantity of gas which the customer is willing to contract to take or in any event pay for;
- c) Interruptible or curtailment provisions;
- d) Competition.

3. In each contract year, the customer shall take delivery from the company, or in any event pay for it if available and not accepted by the customer, a minimum volume of gas as specified in the contract between the parties. Overrun volumes will not contribute to the minimum volume. The rate applicable to the shortfall from this minimum shall be 3.1530 cents per m³ for firm gas and 5.4412 cents per m³ for interruptible gas.

4. The contract may provide that the Monthly Demand Charge specified in Rate Section 1 above shall not apply on all or part of the daily contracted firm demand used by the customer during the testing, commissioning, phasing in, decommissioning and phasing out of gas-using equipment for a period not to exceed one year (the transition period). In such event, the contract will provide for a Monthly Firm Delivery Commodity Charge to be applied on such volume during the transition of 5.7163 cents per m³ and a gas supply commodity charge as set out in Schedule A, if applicable. The Cap and Trade Customer Related Charge and the Cap and Trade Facility Related Charge will continue to apply. Gas purchased under this clause will not contribute to the minimum volume.

Bundled Direct Purchase Delivery

Where a customer elects under this rate schedule to directly purchase its gas from a supplier other than NRG, the customer or their agent, must enter into a Bundled T-Service Receipt Contract with NRG for delivery of gas to NRG. Bundled T-Service Receipt Contract rates are described in rate schedule BT1. The gas supply charge will not be applicable to customers who elect said Bundled T transportation service.

Unless otherwise authorized by NRG, customers who are delivering gas to NRG under direct purchase arrangements must obligate to deliver said gas at a point acceptable to NRG, and must acquire and maintain firm transportation on all pipeline systems upstream of Ontario.

Delayed Payment Penalty

When payment is not made in full by the due date noted on the bill, which date shall not be less than 16 calendar days after the date of mailing, hand delivery or electronic transmission of the bill, the balance owing will be increased by 1.5%. Any balance remaining unpaid in subsequent months will be increased by a further 1.5% per month. The minimum delayed payment penalty shall be one dollar (\$1.00).

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NATURAL RESOURCE GAS LIMITED

RATE 4 - General Service Peaking

Rate Availability

The entire service area of the company.

Eligibility

All customers whose operations, in the judgment of Natural Resource Gas Limited, can readily accept interruption and restoration of gas service with 24 hours notice.

Rate

For all gas consumed from:	April 1 through December 31:	January 1 through March 31:
a) Monthly Fixed Charge	\$15.00	\$15.00
b) Delivery Charge		
First 1,000 m ³ per month	15.8149 cents per m ³	20.1755 cents per m ³
All over 1,000 m ³ per month	10.5218 cents per m ³	16.9052 cents per m ³
c) Cap and Trade Customer Related Charge	3.3497 cents per m ³	3.3497 cents per m ³
Cap and Trade Facility Related Charge	0.0448 cents per m ³	0.0448 cents per m ³
d) Gas Supply Charge and System Gas Refund Rate Rider (if applicable)		Schedule A

Meter Readings

Gas consumption by each customer under this rate schedule shall be determined by monthly meter reading provided that in circumstances beyond the control of the company such as strikes or non-access to a meter, the company may estimate the consumption each month as of the scheduled date of the regular monthly meter reading and render a monthly bill to the customer thereof.

Delayed Payment Penalty

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Bundled Direct Purchase Delivery

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NATURAL RESOURCE GAS LIMITED

RATE 5 - Interruptible Peaking Contract Rate

Rate Availability

Entire service area of the company.

Eligibility

A customer who enters into a contract with the company for the purchase or transportation of gas:

- a) for a minimum term of one year;
- b) that specifies a daily contracted demand for interruptible service of at least 700 m³; and
- c) a qualifying annual volume of at least 50,000 m³.

Rate

1. Bills will be rendered monthly and shall be the total of:

a) Monthly Fixed Charge \$150.00.

b) A Monthly Delivery Charge:

A Monthly Delivery Charge for all interruptible volumes to be negotiated between the company and the customer not to exceed 8.4612 cents per m³ and not to be less than 5.4612 cents per m³.

c) Cap and Trade Customer Related Charge 3.3497 cents per m³
Cap and Trade Facility Related Charge 0.0448 cents per m³

d) Gas Supply Charge and System Gas Refund Rate Rider (if applicable) Schedule A

e) Overrun Gas Charge:

Overrun gas is available without penalty provided that it is authorized by the company in advance. The company will not unreasonably withhold authorization.

If, on any day, the customer should take, without the company's approval in advance, a volume of gas in excess of the maximum quantity of gas which the company is obligated to deliver to the customer on such day, or if, on any day, the customer fails to comply with any curtailment notice reducing the customer's take of gas, then

- (i) the volume of gas taken in excess of the company's maximum delivery obligation for such day, or
- (ii) the volume of gas taken in the period on such day covered by such curtailment notice (as determined by the company in accordance with its usual practice) in excess of the volume of gas authorized to be taken in such period by such curtailment notice,

as the case may be, shall constitute unauthorized overrun volume.

Any unauthorized overrun gas taken in any month shall be paid for at the Rate 1 Delivery Charge, the Cap and Trade Customer Related Charge and the Cap and Trade Facility Related Charge in effect at the time the overrun occurs plus any applicable Gas Supply Charge.

For any unauthorized overrun gas taken, the customer shall, in addition, indemnify the company in respect of any penalties or additional costs imposed on the company by the company's suppliers, any additional gas cost incurred or any sales margins lost as a consequence of the customer taking the unauthorized overrun volume.

2. In negotiating the Monthly Interruptible Commodity Charge referred to in 1(c) above, the matters to be considered include:

a) The volume of gas for which the customer is willing to contract;

- b) The load factor of the customer's anticipated gas consumption and the pattern of annual use and the minimum annual quantity of gas which the customer is willing to contract to take or in any event pay for;
- c) Interruptible or curtailment provisions;
- d) Competition.

3. In each contract year, the customer shall take delivery from the company, or in any event pay for it if available and not accepted by the customer, a minimum volume of gas of 50,000 m³. Overrun volumes will not contribute to the minimum volume. The rate applicable to the shortfall from this annual minimum shall be 7.1995 cents per m³ for interruptible gas.

Bundled Direct Purchase Delivery

Where a customer elects under this rate schedule to directly purchase its gas from a supplier other than NRG, the customer or their agent, must enter into a Bundled T-Service Receipt Contract with NRG for delivery of gas to NRG. Bundled T-Service Receipt Contract rates are described in rate schedule BT1. The gas supply charge will not be applicable to customers who elect said Bundled T transportation service.

Unless otherwise authorized by NRG, customers who are delivering gas to NRG under direct purchase arrangements must obligate to deliver said gas at a point acceptable to NRG, and must acquire and maintain firm transportation on all pipeline systems upstream of Ontario.

Delayed Payment Penalty

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NATURAL RESOURCE GAS LIMITED

RATE 6 – Integrated Grain Processors Co-Operative Aylmer Ethanol Production Facility

Rate Availability

Rate 6 is available to the Integrated Grain Processors Co-Operative, Aylmer Ethanol Production Facility only.

Eligibility

Integrated Grain Processors Co-Operative's ("IGPC") ethanol production facility located in the Town of Aylmer

Rate

1. Bills will be rendered monthly and shall be the total of:

- a) Monthly Customer Charge of \$150.00 for firm services
- b) A Monthly Demand Charge:
A Monthly Demand Charge of 18.8392 cents per m³ for each m³ of daily contracted firm demand.
- c) A Monthly Delivery Charge:
 - (i) A Monthly Firm Delivery Charge for all firm volumes of 3.8894 cents per m³,
 - (ii) A Monthly Interruptible Delivery Charge for all interruptible volumes to be negotiated between the company and IGPC not to exceed 10.9612 cents per m³ and not to be less than 7.9412 cents per m³.
- d) Cap and Trade Facility Related Charge 0.0448 cents per m³
- e) Gas Supply Charge and System Gas Refund Rate Rider (if applicable) Schedule A
- f) Overrun Gas Charges:

Overrun gas is available without penalty provided that it is authorized by the company in advance. The company will not unreasonably withhold authorization.

If, on any day, IGPC should take, without the company's approval in advance, a volume of gas in excess of the maximum quantity of gas which the company is obligated to deliver to IGPC on such day, or if, on any day, IGPC fails to comply with any curtailment notice reducing IGPC's take of gas, then,

- (i) the volume of gas taken in excess of the company's maximum delivery obligation for such day, or
- (ii) the volume of gas taken in the period on such day covered by such curtailment notice (as determined by the company in accordance with its usual practice) in excess of the volume of gas authorized to be taken in such period by such curtailment notice,

as the case may be, shall constitute unauthorized overrun volume.

Any unauthorized firm overrun gas taken in any month shall be paid for at the Rate 6 Firm Delivery Charge and Cap and Trade Facility Related Charge in effect at the time the overrun occurs. In addition, the Contract Demand level shall be adjusted to the actual maximum daily volume taken and the Demand Charges stated above shall apply for the whole contract year, including retroactively, if necessary, thereby requiring recomputation of bills rendered previously in the contract year.

Any unauthorized interruptible overrun gas taken in any month shall be paid for at the Rate 1 Delivery Charge and Cap and Trade Facility Related Charge in effect at the time the overrun occurs plus any Gas Supply Charge applicable.

For any unauthorized overrun gas taken, IGPC shall, in addition, indemnify the company in respect of any penalties or additional costs imposed on the company by the company's suppliers, any additional gas cost incurred or any sales margins lost as a consequence of the customer taking the unauthorized overrun volume.

2. In negotiating the Monthly Interruptible Commodity Charge referred to in 1(c)(ii) above, the matters to be considered include:

- a) The volume of gas for which IGPC is willing to contract;
- b) The load factor of IGPC's anticipated gas consumption, the pattern of annual use, and the minimum annual quantity of gas which IGPC is willing to contract to take or in any event pay for;
- c) Interruptible or curtailment provisions;
- d) Competition.

3. In each contract year, IGPC shall take delivery from the company, or in any event pay for it if available and not accepted by the IGPC, a minimum volume of gas as specified in the contract between the parties. Overrun volumes will not contribute to the minimum volume. The rate applicable to the shortfall from this minimum shall be 3.1530 cents per m³ for firm gas and 5.4412 cents per m³ for interruptible gas.

4. The contract may provide that the Monthly Demand Charge specified in Rate Section 1 above shall not apply on all or part of the daily contracted firm demand used by the IGPC during the testing, commissioning, phasing in, decommissioning and phasing out of gas-using equipment for a period not to exceed one year (the transition period). In such event, the contract will provide for a Monthly Firm Delivery Commodity Charge to be applied on such volume during the transition of 5.7163 cents per m³ and a gas supply commodity charge as set out in Schedule A, if applicable. The Cap and Trade Facility Related Charge will continue to apply. Gas purchased under this clause will not contribute to the minimum volume.

Bundled Direct Purchase Delivery

Where IGPC elects under this rate schedule to directly purchase its gas from a supplier other than NRG, IGPC or its agent, must enter into a Bundled T-Service Receipt Contract with NRG for delivery of gas to NRG. Bundled T-Service Receipt Contract rates are described in rate schedule BT1. The gas supply charge will not be applicable to IGPC if it elects said Bundled T transportation service.

Unless otherwise authorized by NRG, IGPC, when delivering gas to NRG under direct purchase arrangements, must obligate to deliver said gas at a point acceptable to NRG, and must acquire and maintain firm transportation on all pipeline systems upstream of Ontario.

Delayed Payment Penalty

When payment is not made in full by the due date noted on the bill, which date shall not be less than 16 calendar days after the date of mailing, hand delivery or electronic transmission of the bill, the balance owing will be increased by 1.5%. Any balance remaining unpaid in subsequent months will be increased by a further 1.5% per month. The minimum delayed payment penalty shall be one dollar (\$1.00).

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NATURAL RESOURCE GAS LIMITED

SCHEDULE A – Gas Supply Charges

Rate Availability

Entire service area of the company.

Eligibility

All customers served under Rates 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Rate

The Gas Supply Charge applicable to all sales customers shall be made up of the following charges:

PGCVA Reference Price	(EB-2016-0341)	17.6004 cents per m ³
GPRA Recovery Rate	(EB-2016-0341)	(0.1768) cents per m ³
System Gas Fee	(EB-2010-0018)	<u>0.0363</u> cents per m ³
Total Gas Supply Charge		<u>17.4599</u> cents per m ³

Note:

PGCVA means Purchased Gas Commodity Variance Account

GPRA means Gas Purchase Rebalancing Account

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NATURAL RESOURCE GAS LIMITED

RATE BT1 – Bundled Direct Purchase Contract Rate

Availability

Rate BT1 is available to all customers or their agent, who enter into a Receipt Contract for delivery of gas to NRG. The availability of this option is subject to NRG obtaining a satisfactory agreement or arrangement with Union Gas and NRG's gas supplier for direct purchase volume and DCQ offsets.

Eligibility

All customers electing to purchase gas directly from a supplier other than NRG must enter into a Bundled T-Service Receipt Contract with NRG either directly or through their agent, for delivery of gas to NRG at a mutually acceptable delivery point.

Rate

For gas delivered to NRG at any point other than the Ontario Point of Delivery, NRG will charge a customer or their agent, all approved tolls and charges incurred by NRG to transport the gas to the Ontario Point of Delivery.

Note:

Ontario Point of Delivery means Dawn or Parkway on the Union Gas System as agreed to by NRG and NRG's customer or their agent.

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NATURAL RESOURCE GAS LIMITED

Transmission Service

Availability

Transmission Service charges shall be applied to Natural Resource Gas Corp.

Eligibility

Only Natural Resource Gas Corp. shall be charged the Transmission Service Rate. Fees and Charges will be applied only in those months that NRG Corp. delivers gas to a delivery point on NRG's system.

Rate

Administrative Charge	\$250/month
Transportation Rate	\$0.95/mcf
Cap and Trade Facility Related Charge	0.0448 cents per m ³

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**APPENDIX "B" TO
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NATURAL RESOURCE GAS LIMITED

Accounting Entries for the Purchased Gas Commodity Variance Account

Note: Account numbers are in accordance with the Uniform System of Accounts for Gas Utilities, Class A, prescribed under the Ontario Energy Board Act.

To record monthly as a debit (credit) in Deferral Account No. 179-27 (PGCVA) the decrease (increase) to reflect the projected changes in gas costs and prospective recovery of the balances of the gas supply deferral accounts approved by the Board for rate making purposes.

Debit/Credit Account No. 179-27 Purchased Gas Commodity Variance Account (PGCVA)

Credit/Debit Account No. 623 Cost of Gas

To record as a debit (credit) in Deferral Account No. 179-28, interest on the balance in Deferral Account

Debit/Credit Account No. 179-28 Purchased Gas Commodity Variance Account (PGCVA)

Credit/Debit Account No. 323 Other Interest Expense

Simple interest will be computed monthly on the opening balance in the said account in accordance with the methodology approved by the Board in EB-2006-0117.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR GAS BILL

Gas Delivery

On all bills rendered by Natural Resource Gas Limited (“NRG”) on or after January 1, 2017, the price we charge for the delivery portion of your bill will be increasing by \$0.033945 per cubic meter. This increase, which has been approved by Ontario Energy Board (“OEB”) on an interim basis, is to recover the costs associated with the Government of Ontario mandated cap and trade compliance plans.

How will the price change impact you? That will depend on the amount of gas that you use. For a typical residential customer who consumes approximately 2,009 cubic meters of gas annually, this price change will cause your annual heating costs to increase by approximately \$68 per year or about \$5.68 per month on average.

Under the Government of Ontario’s new greenhouse gas emissions regulation each of Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc., Union Gas Limited and Natural Resource Gas Limited are required to develop plans to meet their cap and trade compliance obligations. New costs will be incurred by each of the natural gas utilities to comply with the regulations. The Ontario Energy Board will assess the cost effectiveness of each of the cap and trade compliance plans filed by the natural gas utilities to determine whether the gas utilities can recover those costs in the rates they charge customers.

Further information is available from the OEB’s Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727.

Gas Commodity:

On all bills rendered by Natural Resource Gas Limited on or after January 1, 2017, the price we charge for the gas commodity and transportation portion of your bill will be increasing by \$0.007749 per cubic meter to \$0.174599 per cubic meter. The Ontario Energy Board has approved this change to reflect the prices that NRG expects that it will be paying to its gas suppliers through to the end of December 2017. On your gas bill this cost is on the line it entitled “Gas Commodity”.

As a regulated utility, NRG is permitted to recover what it pays for the purchase of gas plus any costs reasonably associated with this purchase but with no mark up or ‘profit’. The price the utility charges you is based on the forecasted gas and transportation costs to NRG, which are periodically reviewed by the OEB and reconciled with actual costs. The gas commodity portion gets adjusted regularly throughout the year as the price of the gas commodity changes.

How will the price change impact you? That will depend on the amount of gas that you use. For a typical residential customer who consumes approximately 2,009 cubic meters of gas annually, this price change will cause your annual heating costs to increase by approximately \$16 per year. For customers who have arranged to have their gas supplied by a gas marketer/broker, the price may or may not change depending on the terms of the contract the customer has with the gas marketer/broker.

If you have any questions about the changes in rates or any other item that appears on your bill, please feel free to call our office at 519-773-5321.

We would like to thank you for choosing to make natural gas your energy of choice.