



NEW BRUNSWICK
ENERGY & UTILITIES BOARD

COMMISSION DE L'ÉNERGIE ET DES SERVICES PUBLICS
NOUVEAU-BRUNSWICK



November 25, 2021

Via Email

To all Parties:

Re: Matter 508 – Gas Imbalance/Lost and Unaccounted for Gas

On February 10, 2021, the New Brunswick Energy and Utilities Board (Board) sent a letter to all New Brunswick gas marketers, Liberty Utilities (Gas New Brunswick) LP, and the Public Intervener (stakeholders) informing of the engagement of Mr. Ken Quesnelle, as an independent facilitator.

Mr. Quesnelle was asked to establish a working group to review Liberty Utilities (Gas New Brunswick) LP (Liberty Utilities) current methodology regarding the management of adjustments and imbalances of natural gas. He was also asked to make a recommendation to the Board for approval. On October 25, Mr. Quesnelle filed his report entitled “Final Report with respect to the New Brunswick Energy & Utilities Board Gas Imbalance Working Group” (Final Report).

On November 4, a notice was issued to the stakeholders informing them that the Board would conduct a review of the methodology of calculating, allocating and financially settling lost and unaccounted for gas. The stakeholders were notified of the report and the Board’s intention to hold a hearing. They were provided an opportunity to file written submissions and submissions were received by Liberty Utilities, New England NG Supply Limited, Park Fuels Ltd., and the Public Intervener.

The Board held a virtual hearing on November 24. Oral submissions were provided by Mr. Quesnelle, Mr. Angelo Fantuz, on behalf of ECNG Energy L.P., Mr. Len Hoyt, counsel for Liberty Utilities, Mr. Christopher Stewart, counsel for New England NG Supply Limited, Mr. Matthew LeRoy, on behalf of Park Fuels Ltd., Ms. Sherry Duncan, on behalf of Irving Oil Marketing G.P. and Irving Oil Commercial G.P., and Ms. Heather Black, the Public Intervener (Parties).

The Final Report recommends that the Board accept Liberty Utilities’ proposal concerning the methodology of calculation and settlement of lost and unaccounted for gas volumes (Liberty Utilities’ proposal). The report also recommends that Liberty Utilities’ proposal be implemented in accordance with the identified rollout schedule contained within. Parties who presented submissions were in support of these recommendations.

The Board approves Liberty Utilities’ proposal and implementation plan, as set out in the Final Report.



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During the proceeding, the Board was informed that additional issues arose during the working group discussions that were not addressed in Liberty Utilities' proposal and remain outstanding. The Board will set a separate process and provide direction to address these outstanding issues in the coming weeks.

On Behalf of the Board,

Kathleen Mitchell
Chief Clerk