

**RATE M13  
GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS**

**I. DEFINITIONS**

Except where the context expressly requires or states another meaning, the following terms, when used in these General Terms & Conditions and in any contract into which these General Terms & Conditions are incorporated, shall be construed to have the following meanings:

**"Aid to Construction"** shall include any and all costs, expenses, amounts, damages, obligations, or other liabilities (whether of a capital or operating nature, and whether incurred before or after the date of the Contract) actually paid by Union (including amounts paid to affiliates for services rendered in accordance with the Affiliate Relationships Code as established by the OEB) in connection with or in respect of satisfying the conditions precedent set out in Article XXI herein (including without limitation the cost of construction, installation and connection of any required meter station as described in Article IX, Section 6, the obtaining of all governmental, regulatory and other third party approvals, and the obtaining of rights of way) whether resulting from Union's negligence or not, except for any costs that have arisen from the gross negligence, fraud, or wilful misconduct of Union;

**"Average Local Producer Heat" ("ALPH")** shall mean the heat content value as set by Union, and shall be determined by volumetrically averaging the gross heat content of all produced gas delivered to the Union system by Ontario Local Producers. The ALPH shall be expressed in GJ/10<sup>3</sup>m<sup>3</sup> and may be adjusted from time to time by Union;

**"Business Day"** shall mean any day, other than Saturday, Sunday or any days on which national banks in the Province of Ontario are authorized to close;

**"Contract"** shall refer to the Contract to which these General Terms & Conditions shall apply, and into which they are incorporated;

**"Contract Year"** shall mean a period of three hundred and sixty-five (365) consecutive days; provided however, that any such period which contains a date of February 29 shall consist of three hundred and sixty-six (366) consecutive days, commencing on November 1 of each year; except for the first Contract Year which shall commence on the Commencement Date and end on the first October 31 that follows such date;

**"cricondenthem hydrocarbon dewpoint"** shall mean the highest hydrocarbon dewpoint temperature on the phase envelope;

**"cubic metre"** shall mean the volume of gas which occupies one cubic metre when such gas is at a temperature of 15 degrees Celsius, and at a pressure of 101.325 kilopascals absolute;

**"Dawn Quantity"** shall mean the total daily quantity of gas in GJ delivered at Dawn (Facilities), which is equal to the total energy of all gas supplied daily to Union at the Receipt Point(s). The Dawn Quantity shall be calculated utilizing the following factor equation: Dawn Quantity = Produced Volume x ALPH;

**"Day"** shall mean a period of twenty-four (24) consecutive hours beginning at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Clock Time. The reference date for any Day shall be the calendar date upon which the twenty-four (24) hour period shall commence;

**"Delivery Point"** shall mean the point where Union shall deliver the Dawn Quantity and/or Market Quantity to Shipper and as further defined in Schedule 1 of the Contract;

**"Distribution Demand"** shall mean the varying demand for the supply of gas, as determined by Union, on Union's pipeline and distribution system for users of gas who are supplied or delivered gas by Union's pipeline and distribution system;

**"Eastern Clock Time"** shall mean the local clock time in the Eastern Time Zone on any Day;

**"firm"** shall mean service not subject to curtailment or interruption except under Articles XI, XII and XVIII herein;

**"Firm Daily Variability Demand"** shall mean the established quantity set forth in Schedule 2 of the Contract, which is the

permitted difference between the Dawn Quantity and the Market Quantity;

"**gas**" shall mean gas as defined in the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15, Sch. B, as amended, supplemented or re-enacted from time to time;

"**gross heating value**" shall mean the total heat expressed in megajoules per cubic metre (MJ/m<sup>3</sup>) produced by the complete combustion at constant pressure of one (1) cubic metre of gas with air, with the gas free of water vapour and the temperature of the gas, air and products of combustion at standard temperature and all water formed by the combustion reaction condensed to the liquid state;

"**hydrocarbon dewpoint**" shall mean temperature at a specific pressure where hydrocarbon vapour condensation begins;

"**Interruptible Service HUB Contract**" shall mean a contract between Shipper and Union under which Union provides interruptible HUB service;

"**Interconnecting Pipeline**" shall mean a pipeline that directly connects to the Union pipeline and distribution system;

"**joule**" (J) shall mean the work done when the point of application of a force of one (1) newton is displaced a distance of one (1) metre in the direction of the force. The term "**megajoule**" (MJ) shall mean 1,000,000 joules. The term "**gigajoule**" (GJ) shall mean 1,000,000,000 joules;

"**m<sup>3</sup>**" shall mean cubic metre of gas and "**10<sup>3</sup>m<sup>3</sup>**" shall mean 1,000 cubic metres of gas;

"**MAOP**" shall mean the maximum allowable operating pressure of Union's pipeline and distribution system and as further defined in Schedule 1 of the Contract;

"**Market Quantity**" shall mean the daily quantity in GJ nominated for Name Change Service that Day by Shipper at Dawn (Facilities);

"**Maximum Daily Quantity**" shall mean the maximum quantity of gas Shipper may deliver to Union at a Receipt Point on any Day, as further defined in Schedule 1;

"**Month**" shall mean the period beginning at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Clock Time on the first day of a calendar month and ending at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Clock Time on the first day of the following calendar month;

"**Name Change Service**" shall mean an interruptible administrative service whereby Union acknowledges for Shipper a change in title of a gas quantity from Shipper to a third party at the Delivery Point;

"**OEB**" means the Ontario Energy Board;

"**pascal**" ("**Pa**") shall mean the pressure produced when a force of one (1) newton is applied to an area of one (1) square metre. The term "**kilopascal**" ("**kPa**") shall mean 1,000 pascals;

"**Produced Volume**" shall mean the aggregate of all actual volumes of gas in 10<sup>3</sup>m<sup>3</sup>, delivered by Shipper to Union at all Receipt Points on any Day;

"**Producer Balancing Account**" shall mean the gas balance held by Union for Shipper, or owed by Shipper to Union, at the Delivery Point. Where the Producer Balancing Account is zero or a positive number, the account is in a credit position, and where the Producer Balancing Account is less than zero, the account is in a debit position;

"**Producer Balancing Service**" shall mean a Service whereby Union either calculates a credit or debit to the Producer Balancing Account by subtracting the Market Quantity from the Dawn Quantity. Where such amount is greater than zero, Union will credit the Producer Balancing Account, or where such amount is less than zero, Union will debit the Producer Balancing Account. This Service shall be performed on a retroactive basis on the terms and conditions contained in Schedule 2 of the Contract, as may be revised from time to time by Union;

"**Receipt Point**" shall mean the point(s) where Union shall receive gas from Shipper;

"**Sales Agreement**" shall mean the Ontario Gas Purchase Agreement(s) entered into between Shipper and Union;

"**Shipper**" shall have the meaning as defined in the Contract, and shall also include Shipper's agent(s);

"**specific gravity**" shall mean density of the gas divided by density of air, with both at a temperature of 15 degrees Celsius, and at a pressure of 101.325 kilopascals absolute;

"**System Capacity**" shall mean the volumetric capacity that exists from time to time within Union's pipeline and distribution system which determines Union's ability to accept volumes of gas into Union's pipeline and distribution system hereunder. System Capacity shall be determined by Union and such determination, in addition to the physical characteristics of Union's pipeline and distribution system Distribution Demand, shall also include consideration of Union's local Distribution Demand, Union's total system Distribution Demand, availability of Union's gas storage capacity, and other gas being purchased and/or delivered into Union's pipeline and distribution system;

"**Taxes**" shall mean any tax (other than tax on income or tax on property), duty, royalty, levy, license, fee or charge not included in the charges and rates as per the applicable rate schedule (including but not limited to charges under any form of cap and trade, carbon tax, or similar system) and that is levied, assessed or made by any governmental authority on the gas itself, or the act, right, or privilege of producing, severing, gathering, storing, transporting, handling, selling or delivering gas under the Contract;

"**Wobbe Number**" shall mean gross heating value of the gas divided by the square root of its specific gravity.

## **II. GAS QUALITY**

1. **Natural Gas:** The minimum gross heating value of the gas delivered to/by Union hereunder, shall be thirty-six (36) megajoules per cubic metre. The maximum gross heating value of the gas delivered to/by Union hereunder shall be forty point two (40.2) megajoules per cubic metre. The gas to be delivered hereunder to Union may be a commingled supply from Shipper's gas sources of supply. The gas to be delivered by Union may be a commingled supply from Union's sources of gas supply; provided, however, that helium, natural gasoline, butane, propane and other hydrocarbons, except methane, may be removed prior to delivery to Shipper. Further, Union may subject, or permit the subjection of, the gas to compression, dehydration, cooling, cleaning and other processes.
2. **Freedom from objectionable matter:** The gas to be delivered to Union at the Receipt Point(s) hereunder,
  - a. shall be commercially free from bacteria, sand, dust, gums, crude oils, lubricating oils, liquids, chemicals or compounds used in the production, treatment, compression or dehydration of the gas or any other objectionable substance in sufficient quantity so as to render the gas toxic, unmerchantable or cause injury to, or interference with, the proper operation of the lines, regulators, meters or other appliances through which it flows,
  - b. shall not contain more than seven (7) milligrams of hydrogen sulphide per cubic metre of gas, nor more than one hundred (100) milligrams of total sulphur per cubic metre of gas,
  - c. shall not contain more than five (5) milligrams of mercaptan sulphur per cubic metre of gas,
  - d. shall not contain more than two point zero (2.0) molar percent by volume of carbon dioxide in the gas,
  - e. shall not contain more than zero point four (0.4) molar percent by volume of oxygen in the gas,
  - f. shall not contain more than zero point five (0.5) molar percent by volume of carbon monoxide in the gas,
  - g. shall not contain more than four point zero (4.0) molar percent by volume of hydrogen in the gas,
  - h. shall not contain more than sixty-five (65) milligrams of water vapour per cubic metre of gas,
  - i. shall not have a cricondenthem hydrocarbon dewpoint exceeding minus eight (-8) degrees Celsius,
  - j. shall have Wobbe Number from forty seven point fifty (47.50) megajoules per cubic metre of gas to fifty one point

forty six (51.46) megajoules per cubic metre of gas, maximum of one point five (1.5) mole percent by volume of butane plus (C4+) in the gas, and maximum of four point zero (4.0) mole percent by volume of total inerts in the gas in order to be interchangeable with other Interconnecting Pipeline gas,

- k. shall not exceed forty-three degrees Celsius (43°C), and,
  - l. shall not be odourized by Shipper.
3. Non-conforming Gas:
- a. In the event that the quality of the gas does not conform or if Union, acting reasonably, suspects the quality of the gas may not conform to the specifications herein, then Shipper shall, if so directed by Union acting reasonably, forthwith carry out, at Shipper's cost, whatever field testing of the gas quality as may be required to ensure that the quality requirements set out herein are met, and to provide Union with a certified copy of such tests. If Shipper does not carry out such tests forthwith, Union may conduct such test and Shipper shall reimburse Union for all costs incurred by Union for such testing.
  - b. If Shipper's gas fails at any time to conform to the requirements of this Article II, Union, in addition to its other remedies, may refuse to accept delivery of gas at the Receipt Points hereunder until such deficiency has been remedied by Shipper. Each Party agrees to notify the other verbally, followed by written notification, of any such deficiency of quality.
4. Quality of Gas Received: The quality of the gas to be received by Union at the Receipt Point(s) hereunder is to be of a merchantable quality and in accordance with the quality standards as set out by Union in this Article II, but, Union will use reasonable efforts to accept gas of a quality that may deviate from the quality standards set out therein.
5. Quality of Gas at Dawn: The quality of the gas to be delivered to Union at Dawn (Facilities) or the gas to be delivered by Union to Shipper at Dawn (Facilities) hereunder is to be of a merchantable quality and in accordance with the quality standards and measurement standards as set out by Union in this Article II, except that total sulphur limit shall be not more than four hundred and sixty (460) milligrams per cubic metre of gas. In addition to any other right or remedy of a party, each party shall be entitled to refuse to accept delivery of any gas which does not conform to any of the specifications set out in this Article II.

### **III. MEASUREMENTS**

- 1. Service Unit: The unit of the gas delivered to Union shall be a quantity of 10<sup>3</sup>m<sup>3</sup>. The unit of gas delivered by Union shall be a megajoule, a gigajoule, a cubic metre (m<sup>3</sup>) or one thousand cubic metres (10<sup>3</sup>m<sup>3</sup>) at Union's discretion.
- 2. Determination of Volume and Energy:
  - a. The volume and energy amounts determined under the Contract shall be determined in accordance with the Electricity and Gas Inspection Act (Canada), RSC 1985, c E-4- (the "**Act**") and the Electricity and Gas Inspection Regulations, SOR 86/131 (the "**Regulations**"), and any documents issued under the authority of the Act and Regulations and any amendments thereto.
  - b. The supercompressibility factor shall be determined in accordance with either the "**Manual for Determination of Supercompressibility Factors for Natural Gas**" (PAR Project NX-19) published in 1962 or with American Gas Association Transmission Measurement Committee Report No. 8, Nov. 1992, at Union's discretion, all as amended from time to time.
  - c. The volume and/or energy of the gas delivered to/by Union hereunder shall be determined by the measurement equipment designated in Article VII herein.

**IV. RECEIPT POINT AND DELIVERY POINT**

The point(s) of receipt and point of delivery for all gas to be covered hereunder shall be on the outlet side of the measuring stations located at or near the point or points of connection specified in Schedule 1 of the Contract, where possession of the gas changes from one party to the other.

**V. POSSESSION OF AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR GAS**

1. Possession of Gas: Union accepts no responsibility for any gas prior to such gas being delivered to Union at the Receipt Point or after its delivery by Union at the Delivery Point. As between the parties hereto, Union shall be deemed to be in control and possession of and responsible for all such gas from the time that such gas enters Union's system until such gas is delivered to Shipper.
2. Liability: Shipper agrees that Union is not a common carrier and is not an insurer of Shipper's gas, and that Union shall not be liable to Shipper or any third party for loss of gas in Union's possession, except to the extent such loss is caused entirely by Union's negligence or wilful misconduct.

**VI. FACILITIES ON SHIPPER'S PROPERTY**

1. Meter Station: Union shall provide, at the Receipt Point(s), according to the terms hereunder, the meter station required to receive and measure the Produced Volume of gas received by Union from Shipper. Shipper agrees, if requested by Union, to provide Union with sufficient detailed information regarding Shipper's current and expected operations in order to aid Union in Union's design of the meter station.
2. Union Obligations: Pursuant to Article VI. Section 1 herein, Union shall purchase, install and maintain, at the Receipt Point(s):
  - a. a meter and any associated recording gauges as are necessary; and,
  - b. a suitable gas odourizing injection facility where Union deems such facility to be necessary.
3. Union Equipment: All equipment installed by Union at the Receipt Point(s) shall remain the property of Union at all times, notwithstanding the fact that it may be affixed to Shipper's property. Union shall be entitled to remove said equipment at any time within a period of sixty (60) days from any termination or expiry of the Contract. Shipper shall take all necessary steps to ensure Union may enter onto the Receipt Point(s) to remove such equipment for a period of sixty (60) days after termination or expiry of the Contract or the Sales Agreement.
4. Shipper Obligations: Upon Union's request Shipper shall, at Shipper's own cost and expense:
  - a. obtain a registered lease or freehold ownership at the Receipt Point(s) sufficient to provide Union with free uninterrupted access to, from, under and above the Receipt Point(s), for a term (and extended terms) identical to the Contract, plus sixty (60) days, and shall provide Union with a bona fide copy of such lease agreement prior to Union commencing the construction of the meter station;
  - b. furnish, install, set, and maintain suitable pressure and volume control equipment and such additional equipment as required on Shipper's delivery system, to protect against the overpressuring of Union's facilities, and to limit the daily flow of gas to the corresponding Maximum Daily Quantity applicable to the Receipt Point(s);
  - c. supply, install and maintain a gravel or cut stone covering on each Receipt Point and shall maintain such Receipt Point(s) in a safe and workmanlike manner; and,
  - d. install and maintain a fence satisfactory to Union around the perimeter of each Receipt Point which will adequately secure and protect Union's equipment therein.
5. Maintenance Costs: Shipper shall within thirty (30) days of the delivery of an invoice by Union, reimburse Union for any actual costs reasonably incurred by Union for any repair, replacement, relocation, or upgrading of any meter station

requested by Shipper, or as required by law, or by duly constituted regulatory body, or through good engineering practice. Union shall be responsible for any costs incurred by Union to correct an error made by Union.

**VII. MEASURING EQUIPMENT**

1. Metering by Union: Union will install and operate meters and related equipment as required and in accordance with the Act and Regulations referenced in Article III herein.
2. Metering by Others: In the event that all or any gas received or delivered hereunder is measured by a meter that is owned and operated by an upstream or downstream transporter (the "Transporter") whose facilities may or may not interconnect with Union's, then Union and Shipper agree to accept that metering for the purpose of determining the volume and energy of gas received or delivered on behalf of the Shipper. The standard of measurement and tests for the gas delivered to/by Union pursuant to this Article VII, Section 2 shall be in accordance with the general terms and conditions as incorporated in that Transporter's gas tariff as approved by Transporter's regulatory body.
3. Check Measuring Equipment: Shipper may install, maintain and operate, at the Receipt Point, at its own expense, such check measuring equipment as desired, provided that such equipment shall be so installed as not to interfere with the operation of Union's measuring equipment at or near the Receipt Point, and shall be installed, maintained and operated in conformity with the same standards and specifications applicable to Union's metering facilities.
4. Calibration and Test of Measuring Equipment: The accuracy of Union's measuring equipment shall be verified by Union at reasonable intervals, and if requested, in the presence of representatives of Shipper, but Union shall not be required to verify the accuracy of such equipment more frequently than once in any thirty (30) day period. In the event either party notifies the other that it desires a special test of any measuring equipment, the parties shall co-operate to secure a prompt verification of the accuracy of such equipment. The expense of any such special test, if called for by Shipper, shall be borne by Shipper if the measuring equipment tested is found to be in error by not more than two per cent (2%). If, upon test, any measuring equipment is found to be in error by not more than two per cent (2%), previous recordings of such equipment shall be considered accurate in computing receipts of gas, but such equipment shall be adjusted at once to record as near to absolute accuracy as possible. If the test conducted shows a percentage of inaccuracy greater than two percent (2%), the financial adjustment, if any, shall be calculated in accordance with the Act and Regulations, as may be amended from time to time and in accordance with any successor statutes and regulations.
5. Preservation of Metering Records: Union and Shipper shall each preserve for a period of at least six (6) years all test data, and other relevant records.

**VIII. BILLING**

1. Monthly Billing Date: Union shall render bills on or before the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) day of each month for all Services furnished during the preceding Month. Such charges may be based on estimated quantities, if actual quantities are unavailable in time to prepare the billing. Union shall provide, in a succeeding Month's billing, an adjustment based on any difference between actual quantities and estimated quantities, without any interest charge. If presentation of a bill to Shipper is delayed after the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) day of the month, then the time of payment shall be extended accordingly, unless Shipper is responsible for such delay.
2. Right of Examination: Both Union and Shipper shall have the right to examine at any reasonable time the books, records and charts of the other to the extent necessary to verify the accuracy of any statement, chart or computation made under or pursuant to the provisions of the Contract.
3. Amendment of Statements: For the purpose of completing a final determination of the actual quantities of gas handled in any of the Services to Shipper, the parties shall have the right to amend their statement for a period equal to the time during which the companies, that transport the gas contemplated herein for Union and Shipper, retain the right to amend their statements, which period shall not exceed three (3) years from the date of termination of the Contract.

**IX. PAYMENTS**

1. **Monthly Payments:** Shipper shall pay the invoiced amount directly into Union's bank account as directed on the invoice on or before the twentieth (20<sup>th</sup>) day of each month. If the payment date is not a Business Day, then payment must be received in Union's account on the first Business Day preceding the twentieth (20<sup>th</sup>) day of the month.
2. **Remedies for Non-payment:** Should Shipper fail to pay all of the amount of any bill as herein provided when such amount is due,
  - a. Shipper shall pay to Union interest on the unpaid portion of the bill accruing at a rate per annum equal to the minimum commercial lending rate of Union's principal banker in effect from time to time from the due date until the date of payment; and,
  - b. If such failure to pay continues for thirty (30) days after payment is due, Union, in addition to any other remedy it may have under the Contract, may suspend Services until such amount is paid. Notwithstanding such suspension, all demand charges shall continue to accrue hereunder as if such suspension were not in place.

If Shipper in good faith disputes the amount of any such bill or part thereof Shipper shall pay to Union such amounts as it concedes to be correct. At any time thereafter, within twenty (20) days of a demand made by Union, Shipper shall furnish financial assurances satisfactory to Union, guaranteeing payment to Union of the amount ultimately found due upon such bill after a final determination. Such a final determination may be reached either by agreement, arbitration decision or judgement of the courts, as may be the case. Union shall not be entitled to suspend Services because of such non-payment unless and until default occurs in the conditions of such financial assurances or default occurs in payment of any other amount due to Union hereunder.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Shipper is not relieved from the obligation to continue its deliveries of gas to Union under the terms of any agreement, where Shipper has contracted to deliver specified quantities of gas to Union.

3. **Billing Adjustments:** If it shall be found that at any time or times Shipper has been overcharged or undercharged in any form whatsoever under the provisions of the Contract and Shipper shall have actually paid the bills containing such overcharge or undercharge, Union shall refund the amount of any such overcharge and interest shall accrue from and including the first day of such overcharge as paid to the date of refund and shall be calculated but not compounded at a rate per annum determined each day during the calculation period to be equal to the minimum commercial lending rate of Union's principal banker, and the Shipper shall pay the amount of any such undercharge, but without interest. In the event Union renders a bill to Shipper based upon measurement estimates, the required adjustment to reflect actual measurement shall be made on the bill next following the determination of such actual measurement, without any charge of interest. In the event an error is discovered in the amount billed in any statement rendered by Union, such error shall be adjusted by Union. Such overcharge, undercharge or error shall be adjusted by Union on the bill next following its determination (where the term "**bill next following**" shall mean a bill rendered at least fourteen (14) days after the day of its determination), provided that claim therefore shall have been made within three (3) years from the date of the incorrect billing. In the event any refund is issued with Shipper's bill, the aforesaid date of refund shall be deemed to be the date of the issue of bill.
4. **Taxes:** In addition to the charges and rates as per the applicable rate schedules and price schedules, Shipper shall pay all Taxes which are imposed currently or subsequent to the execution of the Contract by any legal authority having jurisdiction and any amount in lieu of such Taxes paid or payable by Union.
5. **Set Off:** If either party shall, at any time, be in arrears under any of its payment obligations to the other party under the Contract, then the party not in arrears shall be entitled to reduce the amount payable by it to the other party in arrears under the Contract, or any other contract, by an amount equal to the amount of such arrears or other indebtedness to the other party. In addition to the foregoing remedy, Union may, upon forty-eight (48) hours verbal notice, to be followed by written notice, take possession of any or all of Shipper's gas under the Contract, which shall be deemed to have been assigned to Union, to reduce such arrears or other indebtedness to Union.
6. **Station and Connection Costs:** In the event that a meter station must be constructed and/or installed in order to give effect to the Contract, Shipper agrees to pay Union for a portion, as determined by Union, of Union's actual cost, as hereinafter defined, for constructing and installing such station. Shipper also agrees to pay the actual costs to connect such station to Union's pipeline and distribution system. Union shall advise Shipper as to the need for a meter station and shall provide Shipper with an estimate of the Aid to Construction. Such Aid to Construction shall include the costs of all pipe, fittings and materials, third party labour costs and Union's direct labour, labour saving devices, vehicles and

mobile equipment, but shall exclude the purchase costs of gas pressure control equipment and gas meters installed by Union.

**X. ARBITRATION**

If and when any dispute, difference or question shall arise between the parties hereto touching the Contract or anything herein contained, or the construction hereof, or the rights, duties or liabilities of the parties in relation to any matter hereunder, the matter in dispute shall be submitted and referred to arbitration within ten (10) days after written request of either party. Upon such request each party shall appoint an arbitrator, and the two so appointed shall appoint a third. A majority decision of the arbitrators shall be final and binding upon both parties. In all other respects the provisions of the Arbitration Act, 1991, or any act passed in amendment thereof or substitution therefore, shall apply to each such submission. Operations under the Contract shall continue, without prejudice, during any such arbitration and the costs attributable to such arbitration shall be shared equally by the parties hereto.

**XI. FORCE MAJEURE**

1. Definition: The term "**force majeure**" as used herein shall mean acts of God, strikes, lockouts or any other industrial disturbance, acts of the public enemy, sabotage, wars, blockades, insurrections, riots, epidemics, landslides, lightning, earthquakes, fires, storms, floods, washouts, arrests and restraints of governments and people, civil disturbances, explosions, breakage or accident to machinery or lines of pipe, freezing of wells or lines of pipe, inability to obtain materials, supplies, permits or labour, any laws, orders, rules, regulations, acts or restraints of any governmental body or authority (civil or military), any act or omission that is excused by any event or occurrence of the character herein defined as constituting force majeure, any act or omission by parties not controlled by the party having the difficulty and any other similar cases not within the control of the party claiming suspension and which by the exercise of due diligence such party is unable to prevent or overcome.
2. Notice: In the event that either the Shipper or Union is rendered unable, in whole or in part, by force majeure, to perform or comply with any obligation or condition of the Contract, such party shall give notice and full particulars of such force majeure in writing delivered by hand, fax or other direct written electronic means to the other party as soon as possible after the occurrence of the cause relied on and subject to the provision of this Article.
3. Exclusions: Neither party shall be entitled to the benefit of the provisions of force majeure hereunder if any or all of the following circumstances prevail: the failure resulting in a condition of force majeure was caused by the negligence of the party claiming suspension; the failure was caused by the party claiming suspension where such party failed to remedy the condition by making all reasonable efforts (short of litigation, if such remedy would require litigation); the party claiming suspension failed to resume the performance of such condition obligations with reasonable dispatch; the failure was caused by lack of funds; the party claiming suspension did not, as soon as possible after determining, or within a period within which it should acting reasonably have determined, that the occurrence was in the nature of force majeure and would affect its ability to observe or perform any of its conditions or obligations under the Contract, give to the other party the notice required hereunder.
4. Notice of Remedy: The party claiming suspension shall likewise give notice as soon as possible after the force majeure condition is remedied, to the extent that the same has been remedied, and that such party has resumed or is then in a position to resume the performance of the obligations and conditions of the Contract.
5. Obligation to Perform: An event of force majeure on Union's system will excuse the failure to deliver gas by Union or the failure to accept gas by Union hereunder, and both parties shall be excused from performance of their obligations hereunder, except for payment obligations, to the extent of and for the duration of the force majeure.
6. Upstream or Downstream Force Majeure: An event of force majeure upstream or downstream of Union's system shall not relieve Shipper of any payment obligations.
7. Delay of Services: Despite Article XI herein, if Union is prevented, by reason of an event of force majeure on Union's system from delivering gas on the Day or Days upon which Union has accepted gas from Shipper, Union shall thereafter make all reasonable efforts to deliver such quantities as soon as practicable and on such Day or Days as are agreed to



by Shipper and Union. If Union accepts such gas on this basis, Shipper shall not receive any demand charge relief as contemplated under Article XI herein.

8. **Firm Daily Variability Demand Charge Relief:** Despite Article XI herein, if on any Day Union fails to accept gas from Shipper by reason of an event of force majeure on Union's system and fails to deliver the quantity of gas nominated hereunder by Shipper up to the Firm Daily Variability Demand for that Contract, then for that Day the Monthly charge shall be reduced by an amount equal to the applicable Firm Daily Variability Demand Rate, as defined in this paragraph, multiplied by the difference between the quantity of gas actually delivered by Union during such Day and the quantity of gas which Shipper in good faith nominated on such Day. The term "**Firm Daily Variability Demand Rate**" shall mean the monthly Firm Daily Variability Demand charge as provided in Schedule 2 of the Contract, divided by the number of days in the month for which such rate is being calculated.

**XII. DEFAULT AND TERMINATION**

In case of the breach or non-observance or non-performance on the part of either party hereto of any covenant, proviso, condition, restriction or stipulation contained in the Contract (but not including herein failure to take or make delivery in whole or in part of the gas delivered to/by Union hereunder occasioned by any of the reasons provided for in Article XI herein) which has not been waived by the other party, then and in every such case and as often as the same may happen, the non-defaulting party may give written notice to the defaulting party requiring it to remedy such default and in the event of the defaulting party failing to remedy the same within a period of thirty (30) days from receipt of such notice, the non-defaulting party may at its sole option declare the Contract to be terminated and thereupon the Contract shall be terminated and be null and void for all purposes other than and except as to any liability of the parties under the same incurred before and subsisting as of termination. The right hereby conferred upon each party shall be in addition to, and not in derogation of or in substitution for, any other right or remedy which the parties respectively at law or in equity shall or may possess.

In the event that the Contract is terminated pursuant to this Article XII, the parties hereto agree that they shall continue to be bound only by the terms and conditions set forth in the Contract but only for the purpose of determining the actual quantities in Shipper's Producer Balancing Account with such determination being subject to Article X. Such extended period of time shall not exceed one (1) year from the date of termination of the Contract.

**XIII. AMENDMENT**

Subject to Article XV herein and the ability of Union to amend the applicable rate schedules and price schedules, with the approval of the OEB (if required), no amendment or modification of the Contract shall be effective unless the same shall be in writing and signed by each of the Shipper and Union.

**XIV. NON-WAIVER AND FUTURE DEFAULT**

No waiver of any provision of the Contract shall be effective unless the same shall be in writing and signed by the party entitled to the benefit of such provision and then such waiver shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the specified purpose for which it was given. No failure on the part of Shipper or Union to exercise, and no course of dealing with respect to, and no delay in exercising, any right, power or remedy under the Contract shall operate as a waiver thereof.

**XV. LAWS, REGULATIONS AND ORDERS**

The Contract and the respective rights and obligations of the parties hereto are subject to all present and future valid laws, orders, rules and regulations of any competent legislative body, or duly constituted authority now or hereafter having jurisdiction and the Contract shall be varied and amended to comply with or conform to any valid order or direction of any board, tribunal or administrative agency which affects any of the provisions of the Contract.

**XVI. RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE**

N/A

**XVII. RENEWALS**

The Contract will continue in full force and effect beyond the Initial Term, automatically renewing for a period of one (1) year, and every one (1) year thereafter, subject to notice in writing by either party of termination at least three (3) months prior to the expiration thereof.

**XVIII. SERVICE CURTAILMENT**

1. Verbal Notice: Excepting instances of emergency, Shipper and Union agree to give at least twenty-four (24) hours verbal notice before a planned curtailment of receipt or delivery, shut-down or start-up.
2. Emergency: Shipper shall complete and maintain a plan which depicts all of the Shipper's gas production facilities including all emergency shut off valves and emergency equipment and provide a copy to Union upon Union's request. Shipper shall provide to Union the names and telephone numbers of those persons whom Union may contact in the event of an emergency situation arising within the Shipper's facilities.
3. Emergency Notice: In the event that Union is notified by a third party or if Union becomes aware of an emergency situation in which Shipper's gas production site, pipeline or associated equipment is involved, Union shall immediately notify Shipper or Shipper's representative of such emergency condition.
4. Right to Modify: Union shall have the right, at all times, to reconstruct or modify Union's pipeline and distribution system and the pressure carried therein, notwithstanding that such reconstruction or modification may reduce the System Capacity available to receive Shipper's gas, or Shipper's ability to deliver gas to Union. Should Union expect any such reconstruction or modification to reduce the delivery or receipt of gas by either party, Union will, where able, provide Shipper with six (6) months' notice or as much notice as is reasonably practical in the circumstances. Union shall use reasonable efforts to assist the Shipper in meeting its Market Quantity in these circumstances.

**XIX. SHIPPER'S REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES**

1. Shipper's Warranty: Shipper warrants that it will, if required, maintain, or have maintained on its behalf, all external approvals including the governmental, regulatory, import/export permits and other approvals or authorizations that are required from any federal, state or provincial authorities for the gas quantities to be handled under the Contract. Shipper further warrants that it shall maintain in effect the Facilitating Agreements.
2. Financial Representations: Shipper represents and warrants that the financial assurances (including the Initial Financial Assurances and Security), if any, shall remain in place throughout the term hereof unless Shipper and Union agree otherwise. Shipper shall notify Union in the event of any change to the financial assurances (including the Initial Financial Assurances and Security), if any, throughout the term hereof. Should Union have reasonable grounds to believe that Shipper will not be able to perform or continue to perform any of its obligations under the Contract for any reason (a "**Material Event**"), then Shipper shall within fourteen (14) days of receipt of written notice by Union, obtain and provide to Union a letter of credit or other security in the form and amount reasonably required by Union (the "**Security**"). In the event that Shipper does not provide to Union such Security, Union may deem a default in accordance with the provisions of Article XII herein.

In the event that Shipper in good faith, reasonably believes that it should be entitled to reduce the amount of or value of the Security previously provided, it may request such a reduction from Union and to the extent that the Material Event has been mitigated or eliminated, Union shall return all or a portion of the Security to Shipper within fourteen (14) Business Days after receipt of the request.

3. Licence: Shipper represents and warrants to Union that Shipper possesses a licence to produce gas in the Province of Ontario.

**XX. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

1. Assignment: Shipper may assign the Contract to a third party ("**Assignee**"), up to the Maximum Daily Quantity, (the "**Capacity Assigned**"). Such assignment shall require the prior written consent of Union and release of obligations by Union for the Capacity Assigned from the date of assignment. Such consent and release shall not be unreasonably withheld and shall be conditional upon the Assignee providing, amongst other things, financial assurances as per Article XXI herein. Any such assignment will be for the full rights, obligations and remaining term of the Contract as relates to the Capacity Assigned.
2. Title to Gas: Shipper represents and warrants to Union that Shipper shall have good and marketable title to, or legal authority to deliver to Union, all gas delivered to Union hereunder. Furthermore, Shipper hereby agrees to indemnify and save Union harmless from all suits, actions, debts, accounts, damages, costs, losses and expenses arising from or out of claims of any or all third parties to such gas or on account of Taxes, or other charges thereon.

**XXI. PRECONDITIONS TO SERVICES**

1. Union Conditions: The obligations of Union to provide Services hereunder are subject to the following conditions precedent, which are for the sole benefit of Union and which may be waived or extended in whole or in part in the manner provided in the Contract:
  - a. Union shall have obtained, in form and substance satisfactory to Union, and all conditions shall have been satisfied under, all governmental, regulatory and other third party approvals, consents, orders and authorizations, that are required to provide the Services; and,
  - b. Union shall have obtained all internal approvals that are necessary or appropriate to provide the Services; and,
  - c. Union shall have received from Shipper the requisite financial assurances reasonably necessary to ensure Shipper's ability to honour the provisions of the Contract (the "**Initial Financial Assurances**"). The Initial Financial Assurances, if required, will be as determined solely by Union; and,
  - d. Shipper and Union shall have entered into the Interruptible Service HUB Contract or equivalent (the "**Facilitating Agreement**") with Union; and,
  - e. Union shall, where applicable, have obtained all internal and external approvals including the governmental, regulatory and other approvals or authorizations required to construct any facilities necessary to provide the Services hereunder, which approvals and authorizations, if granted upon conditions, shall be conditions satisfactory to Union; and,
  - f. Union shall, where applicable, have completed and placed into service those facilities necessary to provide the Services hereunder; and,
  - g. Further to Article IX Section 6 herein, Shipper shall pay to Union a payment ("**First Prepayment**") towards the Aid to Construction at the time of the execution of this Agreement. Shipper shall pay a payment prior to installation of the meter station ("**Second Prepayment**"). The foregoing payments are specified in the attached Schedule 1 for the first meter station ("**Receipt Point #1**") to be installed under the Contract. Payments for additional meter stations will be handled by written mutual agreement between the parties. Shipper shall pay Union the difference if the actual Aid to Construction is more than the Prepayments, within thirty (30) days of the delivery of an invoice from Union on which the actual costs for construction and installation of facilities are stated. Union shall pay Shipper the difference if the actual Aid to Construction is less than the Prepayments. In the event Shipper terminates this Agreement prior to Union incurring any costs related to the construction, installation or connection of the meter station, Shipper's Prepayments shall be returned to Seller, without interest, within fifteen (15) days notice to Union of such termination by Shipper. In the event Union has incurred costs, as set out herein, relative to the construction, installation or connection of the meter station prior to being notified by Shipper of Shipper's intention to terminate the Agreement, Union shall deduct such actual costs from Union's return of Shipper's Prepayments. "**Prepayments**" shall mean the sum of the First Prepayment and the Second

Prepayment.

2. Shipper Conditions: The obligations of Shipper hereunder are subject to the following conditions precedent, which are for the sole benefit of Shipper and which may be waived or extended in whole or in part in the manner provided in the Contract:
  - a. Shipper shall, as required, have entered into the necessary contracts with Union and/or others to facilitate the Services contemplated herein, including contracts for upstream and downstream transportation, and shall specifically have an executed and valid Facilitating Agreement; and,
  - b. Shipper shall have obtained, in form and substance satisfactory to Shipper, and all conditions shall have been satisfied under, all governmental, regulatory and other third party approvals, consents, orders and authorizations, that are required from federal, state, or provincial authorities for the gas quantities handled under the Contract; and,
  - c. Shipper shall have obtained all internal approvals that are necessary or appropriate for the Shipper to execute the Contract; and,
  - d. Shipper shall have cancelled or renegotiated its Sales Agreement, on terms satisfactory to Union, as applicable.
3. Satisfaction of Conditions: Union and Shipper shall each use due diligence and reasonable efforts to satisfy and fulfil the conditions precedent specified in this Article XXI Section 1 a, c, d, e, f, g, and Section 2 a, b, and d. Each party shall notify the other forthwith in writing of the satisfaction or waiver of each condition precedent for such party's benefit. If a party concludes that it will not be able to satisfy a condition precedent that is for its benefit, such party may, upon written notice to the other party, terminate the Contract and upon the giving of such notice, the Contract shall be of no further force and effect and each of the parties shall be released from all further obligations thereunder.
4. Non-Satisfaction of Conditions: If any of the conditions precedent in this Article XXI Section 1 c or Section 2 are not satisfied or waived by the party entitled to the benefit of that condition by the Conditions Date as such term is defined in the Contract, or if any of the Shipper payments required under the condition precedent in this Article XXI Section 1 g have not been paid as required in such section, then either party may, upon written notice to the other party, terminate the Contract and upon the giving of such notice, the Contract shall be of no further force and effect and each of the parties shall be released from all further obligations hereunder, provided that any rights or remedies that a party may have for breaches of the Contract prior to such termination and any liability a party may have incurred before such termination shall not thereby be released.