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Province of New Brunswick
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Dear Mr. Gorman,

Under date of March 12, 2009, Enbridge Gas New Brunswick Limited Partnership ("EGNB") submitted to the New Brunswick Energy and Utilities Board ("Board") its regulatory financial results for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008.

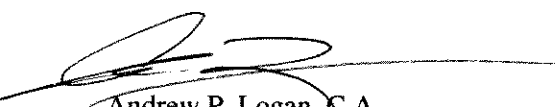
In accordance with the terms and conditions outlined in your letter dated March 3, 2009 to us, we have conducted the following:

1. An examination of EGNB's compliance with the Gas Distribution Act, 1999 and with subsequent Board orders in preparation of their 2008 regulatory financial results;
2. Identification of expenses that should be further reviewed by the Board;
3. Review of affiliate transactions for reasonableness and accuracy; and
4. Review of the expense related to the Firm Services Agreement between EGNB and Maritimes and Northeast Pipeline.

Our audit opinion has been prepared and is attached to this document. In addition, we have included a report providing further details and observations made during the course of our work and specifically on the areas outlined as requested in your scope of work.

If you have any questions on this information, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Yours truly,


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AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the New Brunswick Energy and Utilities Board

We have audited Enbridge Gas New Brunswick's compliance with the Gas Distributors Act, 1999, and with subsequent New Brunswick Energy and Utilities Board orders, for the preparation of their regulatory financial results as at December 31, 2008 submitted to the New Brunswick Energy and Utilities Board on March 12, 2009. Compliance with the criteria established by the Act and Board orders is the responsibility of the management of Enbridge Gas New Brunswick. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this compliance based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether Enbridge Gas New Brunswick has complied with the criteria established by the provisions of the Act and Board orders referred to above. Such an audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting compliance, evaluating the overall compliance with these criteria, and where applicable, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management.

In our opinion, as at December 31, 2008, Enbridge Gas New Brunswick is in compliance, in all material respects, with the Gas Distributors Act, 1999 and with subsequent New Brunswick Energy and Utilities Board orders.

The 2007 regulatory financial results were subject to a review engagement.



CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

Saint John, NB
May 1, 2009

EXAMINATION OF THE REGULATORY FINANCIAL RESULTS

of

ENBRIDGE GAS NEW BRUNSWICK

(For the year ended December 31, 2008)

Andrew P. Logan, CA
Partner

May 1, 2009

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1 **INTRODUCTION**

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3 On February 13, 2009, the New Brunswick Energy and Utility Board (“Board”) issued
4 their decision regarding the review of the 2007 regulatory financial results and natural gas
5 sales as submitted by Enbridge Gas New Brunswick (“EGNB”). The decision was the
6 culmination of a lengthy process including a public hearing conducted in December 2008.
7 Part of the deliberations centered on the availability of certain information including the
8 financial statements of the EGNB Limited Partnership. The Public Intervener contended
9 that the regulatory financial statements were not subject to audit, but the Limited
10 Partnership statements were and that they should be submitted as part of the process.
11 EGNB argued that these financial statements were confidential and were not available to
12 the public. They contended that the review of the regulatory financial results performed
13 by Teed Saunders Doyle & Co. provided an appropriate level of assurance that the
14 information was correct.

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16 Accordingly, as part of the decision (page 8), the Board ordered EGNB to:

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18 *“...now file annually, as part of its review, audited regulatory financial*
19 *statements or, in the alternative, the audited statements of the limited*
20 *partnership”*

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22 The Board later varied the order on March 3, 2009 and replaced the original order with
23 the following:

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25 *“The Board orders that EGNB now file annually, as part of its review, the*
26 *audited financial statements of the limited partnership, or in the alternative*
27 *that its regulatory financial results be audited.Should EGNB elect to*
28 *have its regulatory financial results audited, the Board will direct that for*
29 *the 2008 fiscal year Teed Saunders Doyle conduct this audit and that the*
30 *audit comply with section 5815 of the CICA Assurance handbook.”*

1 In late February 2009, EGNB wrote to the Board and indicated they would be using the
2 alternative provided in the order and that they would be filing their regulatory financial
3 results in March. On March 3, the Board issued an engagement letter requesting that we
4 carry out the section 5815 audit along with 3 other mandates. The scope of work as
5 requested by the Board can be found in Appendix I attached to this report.

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7 In a letter dated March 12, 2009, EGNB filed with the Board their regulatory financial
8 results for the year ended December 31, 2008. Our examination and additional
9 procedures were performed on this information.

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1 **AUDIT RESULTS AND OBSERVATIONS**

3 **Overview**

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5 As ordered by the Board, our examination was conducted in accordance with Section
6 5815 of the CICA Assurance Handbook which provides guidance on preparing audit
7 reports on compliance with agreements and regulations. The audit was conducted in
8 accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards
9 require that the audit be planned and performed to obtain reasonable assurance whether
10 the entity complied with criteria established by provisions of an agreement, statute or
11 regulation. Such an audit includes:

- 13 • examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting compliance;
- 14 • evaluating the overall compliance; and
- 15 • assessing, where applicable, the accounting principles used and significant
16 estimates made by the management of the entity.

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18 We examined the underlying transactions reported in the financial results and scrutinized
19 such supporting data as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We obtained audit
20 evidence, supporting information and explanations directly from EGNB to ensure
21 consistent application of Board rulings and the applicable regulations. We obtained
22 written confirmation from EGNB for management's representations made to us during
23 the course of our engagement.

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25 We have read the audited financial statements of Enbridge Gas New Brunswick Limited
26 Partnership for the year ended December 31, 2008. We have reviewed the files prepared
27 by the external auditors in support of their opinion on those financial statements. We
28 note that an unqualified audit opinion was issued on these financial statements

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30 Details of our specific audit procedures can be found in Appendix II.

1 **Results**

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3 During the course of our examination, there were four errors identified in the information
4 as submitted. These errors are not material, either individually, or taken as a whole, and
5 therefore did not negatively impact our final audit conclusion. The errors identified were
6 as follows:

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8 1. During our verification of the opening balances for 2008 as compared to the final
9 approved balances from 2007, we noted several discrepancies. It was explained
10 to us that the regulatory information for 2008 was prepared from an earlier draft
11 of the 2007 information (as opposed to the final approved information). EGNB
12 has indicated that the figures will be corrected prior to the finalization of the 2008
13 results.

14 2. A calculation error was noted in the amortization of deferred carrying costs (Note
15 2 to the regulatory financial results). This error resulted in the amortization
16 charge being understated by \$15,000. EGNB has also indicated that this will be
17 corrected prior to finalization.

18 3. During our review of the working capital component of the rate base, we noted
19 that EGNB had attempted to include a working cash allowance in the calculation.
20 This provision, however, only considered the revenue collection lag and gave no
21 effect to the lead for accounts payable. Due to time constraints, it was impractical
22 to complete a full lead-lag study. EGNB indicated that the working cash
23 allowance component will be removed and the methodology used in 2007 be
24 utilized prior to finalization of the results.

25 4. During our review of the affiliate transactions, we noted a large variance year
26 over year for charges from Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. for distribution and
27 maintenance services (See Note 12 to the regulatory financial results). Upon
28 review by EGNB, it was discovered that certain costs were incorrectly omitted
29 from the 2008 summary in the amount of \$411,000. This omission does not affect
30 the balance sheet or income statement as Note 12 is provided for information

1 purposes only. EGNB has indicated that this information will be corrected prior
2 to finalization.

3 In conclusion, based on the procedures performed and the resulting audit evidence
4 obtained, we are able to issue a clean audit opinion. We have concluded that the 2008
5 regulatory financial results have been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance
6 with the Gas Distributor's Act, 1999 and with subsequent Board orders issued on such
7 matters.

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10 **Other Findings**

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12 During the course of our examination, several matters arose for which we provide
13 additional commentary. These observations were made during the performance of our
14 audit but did not negatively impact our overall audit opinion.

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17 **Working Capital Allowance included in Rate Base**

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19 Included in our 2007 report to the Board was a discussion regarding short-term interest
20 expense and the inclusion of a working capital allowance in the rate base. We indicated
21 that EGNB was to review the methodology for determining an appropriate amount for
22 working capital and consequently the appropriate amount for short-term interest expense
23 for rate regulation purposes. We noted during our testing of the 2008 rate base that
24 EGNB attempted to update their methodology but in the end reverted to the same process
25 used in 2007. While the process is not incorrect, it is not the most accurate or generally
26 accepted methodology. Based on general regulatory practice, a properly calculated
27 working capital allowance should include a lead-lag analysis which estimates the average
28 working cash allowance required to finance working capital. Including this allowance in
29 rate base and applying the appropriate weighted cost of capital accurately reflects the
30 utilities cost of financing operations. **We therefore recommend that EGNB undertake**

1 a lead-lag study to determine the appropriate amount of average working cash
2 allowance to include in rate base.

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4 **Compliance with Regulation 99-62.2(b) and (c)**

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6 Regulation 99-62 is referred to as the Gas Distribution Uniform Accounting Regulation
7 and directs gas distributors to implement a standard uniform system of accounts
8 (“USoA”). The USoA contained in Regulation 99-62 is an extensive chart of accounts
9 meant to provide sufficient detail and consistent recording of transactions by gas
10 distributors. Use of the USoA promotes comparability among similar companies and
11 facilitates benchmarking and other financial analysis. During our review of compliance
12 with this regulation, we noted that EGNB’s current chart of accounts does not utilize the
13 numbering scheme set out in 99-62. The regulation¹ does permit this but requires that the
14 distributor’s accounts be cross referenced with the USoA numbering scheme. We
15 reviewed this deficiency with EGNB representatives and note that the cross-referencing
16 mapping project is in progress with an expected completion date in 2009. We will point
17 out, however, that the accounts used by EGNB are, in all material respects, similar in
18 description and in the recording of transactions, as described in 99-62.

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21 **Application of ½ Year Rule for Depreciation**

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23 In its March 24, 2005 decision, the Board ordered that assets acquired during the year
24 shall have one-half of the applicable depreciation rate applied². During our review of
25 accumulated amortization by asset class and the corresponding amortization expense, we
26 noted several classes where this order was not followed. These accounts included:

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- Sub-account 482405 – Leasehold Improvements
 - Sub-account 488005 – Communications Equipment
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¹ See Appendix to Regulation 99-62, Part I, Section 3 - Records

² New Brunswick Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities, March 24, 2005 Decision on EGNB’s Dec 31, 2002 and 2003 Financial Results, page 15, point 1 (b)

- 1 • Sub-account 490B05 – Computer Hardware
- 2 • Sub-account 491005 – Computer Software
- 3 • Sub-account 475DOM – Distribution Mains

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5 Sub-account 475DOM captures the capitalized overhead and maintenance (O&M) costs.

6 Additions for 2008 totaled \$22.2 million. Additions to the remaining capital asset

7 accounts were \$472,108. EGNB calculated amortization on a monthly basis as the costs

8 were added to the asset accounts instead of applying one-half of the appropriate rates for

9 the total annual additions as set out in the Board order. While the estimated discrepancy

10 is immaterial, it does contravene the Board’s order. We also note that the Board’s

11 original decision did not distinguish between physical assets (e.g. – computer hardware)

12 and intangible assets (e.g. – capitalized O&M costs) in terms of applying the one-half

13 rule. EGNB has interpreted this to only include physical assets and not O&M costs that

14 have been capitalized. Further clarification by the Board may be warranted.

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17 **ABC Fee and Bad Debt Expense**

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19 EGNB provides an agent billing and collection (“ABC”) service for certain gas marketers

20 and charges what is termed an ABC fee. This arrangement was reviewed by the Board in

21 their decision of June 23, 2000 (page 40-42). The Board noted that EGNB was charging

22 a “risk” premium as they were assuming collection responsibility for both the delivery

23 charge and the product charge. We note for 2008 that EGNB has recorded a bad debt

24 expense in the amount of \$679,000 (2007 - \$242,000) of which 60%, or \$407,400 (2007 -

25 \$145,200), is estimated for the actual supply of gas. Revenues recorded from this service

26 were \$105,200 (2007 - \$84,500). We discussed these results with EGNB representatives

27 and noted the apparent need to increase revenues. We also note that signed contracts for

28 this service with the marketers apparently do not exist as EGNB was unable to provide us

29 with copies. **We recommend that EGNB revise their current rate schedule for the**

30 **ABC service to account for their bad debt experience. We also note that any**

31 **changes to the rate schedule must be pre-approved by the Board. We further**

1 **recommend that the arrangements with each marketer be formalized in a properly**
2 **executed document.**

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4 **Deferral Account valuation assumptions**

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6 While EGNB is still in their development period, expenditures in excess of revenues are
7 being deferred including a calculated return on rate base. For 2008, \$14.969 million was
8 added to the deferral account bringing the balance at December 31, 2008 to \$132.9
9 million. Per Board orders³, EGNB is to:

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11 *“...establish an amortization schedule, at the end of the development period*
12 *that will clear the balance in the deferral account over the remaining term*
13 *of the initial General Franchise agreement.”*

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15 According to the Board, the currently approved development period end-date is
16 December 31, 2010 and the expiration date of the franchise agreement is December 31,
17 2040.

18
19 The level and recoverability of the deferral account has become an issue. Based on the
20 current balance, and assuming a 30 year amortization period and a weighted average cost
21 of capital of 9.7%, the initial annual charge to the cost of service would be in excess of
22 \$17.0 million. We were particularly interested in reviewing the external auditors
23 examination of this balance to verify that the carrying value is appropriate for financial
24 statement purposes (i.e. – that it can reasonably be expected to be recovered in the future
25 by the rates EGNB will charge). We noted that the evidence supplied by EGNB to the
26 auditor’s in support of the balance contained assumptions on cross-over date (i.e. – end of
27 the development period) and franchise end date that were inconsistent with the dates
28 currently approved by the Board. While these dates can be changed according to the
29 legislation, no formal application to the Board has been made as of the date of this report.

³ New Brunswick Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities, June 23, 2000 Decision on an Application by EGNB for Approval of its Rates and Tariffs, page 32

1 We therefore recommend that EGNB submit for review to the Board, its revised
2 assumptions and calculations concerning the deferral account and its ultimate
3 recovery through future rates.

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1 **EXPENDITURES SUBJECT TO FURTHER REVIEW**

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3 EGNB’s annual operating and maintenance (“O&M”) expenditures can be found in Note
4 6 to the regulatory financial results and totaled \$32.2 million (2007 - \$30.3 million)
5 before amounts capitalized. Our audit procedures are detailed in Appendix II. Additional
6 assurance over the recorded amounts was also taken from the external auditors work and
7 the fact that they issued an unqualified audit opinion.

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9 In their decision of February 13, 2009, the Board said⁴:

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11 *“The determination of the prudence of expenditures is the responsibility of the*
12 *Board. Teed Saunders Doyle quite properly saw its role not to determine prudence,*
13 *but rather to bring to the Board’s attention any concerns it might have regarding*
14 *EGNB’s expenses”*

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16 For this engagement, the Board requested that we *“identify any expenses that it believes*
17 *should be the subject of further review by the Board”*.

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19 With this mandate in mind, our review of expenditures included certain criteria that
20 would indicate whether a particular transaction stream might require further investigation
21 by the Board. Those criteria included:

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- 23 • Magnitude of the account;
- 24 • Variance from prior years; and
- 25 • Nature of account and transactions (i.e. - typical accounts where disallowed
26 expenditures are often found).

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28 Of the \$32.2 million in O&M expenses, certain costs were analyzed during other parts of
29 our review including:

⁴ New Brunswick Energy and Utilities Board, February 13, 2009 Decision on the Financial Results of EGNB at December 31 ,2007, page 5

| | | |
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| 1 | Gas transportation and related activities (FSA) | \$1,288,000 |
| 2 | Affiliate transactions ⁵ | <u>2,422,000</u> |
| 3 | | <u>\$3,710,000</u> |

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Of the remaining expenditures of \$28,496,000, we recommend the following accounts be subject to a further prudence review:

| Account Description | Account Number | Balance | % of Total | Applicable Criteria |
|---------------------------|----------------|--------------|------------|---------------------|
| Success Sharing | 60137.25320 | \$628,000 | 2.2% | Nature, Variance |
| Benefit Credits | 60257.25320 | 412,600 | 1.4% | Nature |
| Awards and Allowances | 60411.25300 | 58,700 | 0.2% | Nature |
| Incentives | 61559.25330 | 14,545,200 | 51.0% | Magnitude, Variance |
| Advertising and promotion | 61559.25332 | 1,085,700 | 3.8% | Nature |
| Other Outside Service | 61999.25300 | 39,700 | 0.1% | Variance |
| Sponsorships | 70807.25332 | 68,700 | 0.2% | Nature, Variance |
| Total | | \$16,838,600 | 59.1% | |

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It is important to remember that our examination was not intended to pass judgment on the prudence of expenditures but rather identify those areas where further review is warranted based on the criteria established.

⁵ Based on the correct amount for affiliate transactions for 2008

1 AFFILIATE TRANSACTIONS

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3 EGNB's affiliate transactions are primarily from two sources:

- 4 • Allocations from its corporate head office, Enbridge Inc. for corporate overhead;
- 5 and
- 6 • Consulting and other services acquired through service level agreements with
- 7 Enbridge Operational Services, Enbridge Inc., Enbridge Commercial Services
- 8 Inc. and Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.
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11 A historical comparison of EGNB's affiliate purchases⁶ for these charges can be

12 summarized as follows:

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| (in thousands of dollars) | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Affiliate expenditures for consulting and services | 2,422 | 2,292 | 2,306 | 1,905 |
| Total consulting and services expenditures | 5,619 | 7,019 | 5,444 | 4,752 |
| Affiliate portion | 43.1% | 32.7% | 42.4% | 40.1% |

14
15 Overhead allocations from Enbridge Inc. totaled \$1.024 million for 2008 (as compared to

16 \$0.881 million in 2007). Examples of these costs include allocations for such items as

17 director's fees, insurance premiums, IT infrastructure depreciation, and software

18 licensing fees.

19
20 EGNB also utilizes affiliated companies to provide various services on an as needed basis

21 to avoid duplication of "centers of excellence" that may already exist in the Enbridge

22 network. Many of these specialized services cannot be obtained locally particularly when

⁶ Based on the correct amount for affiliate transactions for 2008

1 considering the design, construction and operation of a “Greenfield” gas distribution
2 system. These arrangements are covered in Service Level Agreements (“SLA’s”). A
3 summary of SLA’s in effect for 2008 can be found in Appendix III. It should be noted
4 that management represents that they are not required to use an affiliate for a particular
5 service if the service can be obtained locally and at more favourable conditions (e.g. –
6 pricing, delivery, etc). During our engagement, we noted several instances where this
7 occurred.

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9 The Board requested that we “*review EGNB’s affiliate transactions and comment on the*
10 *accuracy and reasonableness of the expenses for affiliate transactions*”.

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12 Our testing began with the detailed components that support the information contained in
13 Note 12 to the Regulatory Financial Results. We observed the nature and amounts of
14 transactions for corporate overhead allocations, and for those purchased through the
15 SLA’s. We compared the various components to budget and to prior years actual and
16 reviewed the explanations provided. It was during this analysis that the error described
17 on page 4, point 4 was detected. All other variances were adequately explained.

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19 We discussed in detail with EGNB representatives the nature and rationale behind each
20 transaction stream. We reviewed a document entitled “Cost Allocation Methodology”
21 dated March 17, 2009 prepared by Enbridge Inc. This document, originally created in
22 2002, describes the cost allocation methodologies used by Enbridge Inc. to allocate, and
23 direct charge, costs between its various business units. We noted that certain of these
24 allocations made to EGNB are excluded from the regulated business based on criteria
25 established several years ago in conjunction with the predecessor Board’s consultant. The
26 allocations have been applied on a consistent basis with prior years and we noted no
27 discrepancies.

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29 For purchased services, we reviewed the SLA’s. Our review included:

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31 • Ensure agreement is for period of review (2008);

- 1 • Ensure there is adequate description of service to be provided, details of
2 responsibilities, and performance measurements;
3 • Ensure agreements are signed and executed by the appropriate parties; and
4 • Ensure that pricing and rate information is specified and that escalation factors for
5 future periods are included.

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7 We noted that 3 agreements did not contain a provision for pricing beyond 2008, even
8 though the contracts expired at the end of 2010. Additionally, the contract for Regulatory
9 Consulting Services contained references to the Ontario Energy Board as opposed the
10 N.B.E.U.B.

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12 We reviewed a sample of invoices from affiliates to ensure pricing information agreed
13 with the SLA, and that the nature of the billing was in accordance with the agreement. No
14 errors were noted.

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16 Overall, it appears that EGNB's affiliate transactions are reasonable and consistent with
17 the underlying agreements and with prior allocation methodologies. Variances from
18 budget and from prior years were adequately explained with one error detected. We did
19 note, however, that the apportionment of corporate allocations from Enbridge Inc.
20 between regulated and non-regulated activities has never been formally reviewed by the
21 Board. We also note that the current allocation methods are several years old. **We**
22 **would recommend that EGNB prepare new allocation rationale to determine**
23 **allowable costs for regulation for corporate overhead apportionments, and that the**
24 **Board reviews these new methodologies.**

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1 FIRM SERVICES AGREEMENT

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3 On April 3, 2000, EGNB entered into a Firm Services Agreement (“FSA”) with
4 Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline Limited Partnership (“M&NP”) for transportation
5 capacity on their pipeline of 11,785 gigajoules per day for a 20 year period. The annual
6 cost to EGNB for this capacity was approximately \$3.0 million and EGNB was permitted
7 to market any excess capacity to third parties to reduce their overall cost. This
8 arrangement was reviewed by the Board and in their June 23, 2000 decision⁷, ordered
9 EGNB to use the following calculation to determine the annual expense to be included in
10 the cost of service:

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12 *“The Board believes that it is appropriate to establish a mechanism, which*
13 *will provide a balance between the interests of EGNB’s ratepayers and*
14 *shareholders with respect to the risk associated with the sale of capacity.*
15 *The Board will therefore allow EGNB to include in its cost of service each*
16 *year 50% of the annual payment to M&NP. This amount will be adjusted*
17 *each year by one-half of the amount by which the revenue from the sale of*
18 *capacity differs from \$1.5 million.”*

19
20 The Board requested that we “*review the FSA between EGNB and M&NP and comment*
21 *on the accuracy of the amount recorded by EGNB for this expense”.*

22
23 We obtained the annual calculation of net expense to be charged to the cost of service and
24 included in the regulatory results. We reviewed a sample of monthly invoices from
25 M&NP agreeing the relevant details to the supporting contract. The monthly invoices
26 were then totaled and agreed to the gross cost included in the calculation. Next, we
27 reviewed the contracts EGNB has established with 3rd parties to sell the excess capacity.
28 Invoices supporting the cost recovery charges were reviewed and agreed to the amount

⁷ New Brunswick Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities, June 23, 2000 Decision on an Application by EGNB for Approval of its Rates and Tariffs, page 38

1 included in the annual calculation. No errors or discrepancies were noted as a result of
2 our procedures.

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4 With the key inputs substantiated, we applied the cost of service calculation prescribed by
5 the Board. It was determined that EGNB has properly calculated the FSA costs for 2008.

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7 It is worth mentioning that the result for 2008 produced a regulatory expense greater than
8 the actual expense incurred by EGNB. This situation was contemplated by the Board in
9 their decision and specifically mentioned in one of the examples cited (page 39, June 23,
10 2000 decision). The Board expressed that the risks (and rewards) associated with selling
11 the excess capacity should be borne both by the ratepayer and the shareholders. If EGNB
12 were to increase the cost recoveries above the \$1.5 million threshold established in the
13 decision, then the excess would benefit the shareholders for assuming the risk (and cost)
14 in those years when the recoveries were below the threshold.

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1 **APPENDIX I**

2 **SCOPE OF WORK**

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4 **A. Regulatory Financial Results**

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6 Teed Saunders Doyle (TSD) is to conduct an audit, pursuant to Section 5815 of the
7 CICA Assurance Handbook, of EGNB's regulatory financial results for 2008.
8 [Specifically], TSD shall determine if the regulatory financial results as presented by
9 EGNB are in compliance with the Gas Distribution Act, 1999 and with subsequent
10 Board orders related to the preparation of EGNB's regulatory financial results, and if
11 they are not, TSD shall identify all items that are not in compliance and recommend
12 what action should be taken with respect to each item.
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14 **B. Expenditures**

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16 TSD shall identify any expenses that it believes should be the subject of further
17 review by the Board.
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19 **C. Affiliate Transactions**

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21 TSD shall review EGNB's affiliate transactions and comment on the accuracy and
22 reasonableness of the expenses for affiliate transactions.
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24 **D. Firm Services Agreement**

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26 TSD shall review the Firm Services Agreement between EGNB and Maritimes and
27 Northeast Pipeline and comment on the accuracy of the amount recorded by EGNB
28 for this expense.
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1 **APPENDIX II**

2 **Summary of Audit Program**

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| | PROCEDURE | COMPLETED |
|---|--|------------------|
| 1 | Obtain updates to Gas Distributors Act, 1999 and N.B.E.U.B. Board orders that would impact current fiscal year. | √ |
| 2 | Obtain copy of audited financial statements for the EGNB Limited Partnership and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review draft financial statements and related notes; • Arrange for visit to auditor's office (currently PriceWaterhouseCoopers) and review audit working papers in support of their opinion; • If necessary, obtain final, signed version of financial statements. | √ |
| 3 | Obtain copy of regulatory financial results and supporting trial balance and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compare financial results to prior year noting any significant changes to disclosure, new accounts, or material changes in balances; • Agree note detail to corresponding information within the financial statements; • Review note detail for any significant changes to disclosure, new accounts, or material changes in balances; • Agree beginning regulatory trial balance to audited statements; • Agree regulatory trial balance to regulatory financial results. • Review regulatory adjustments for consistency and to underlying calculations noting any changes from prior years and any new adjustments (further work on the regulatory adjustments is performed during our review of each financial statement area as described below). | √ |

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1 **APPENDIX II**
 2 **Summary of Audit Program**

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| | PROCEDURE | COMPLETED |
|---|--|------------------|
| 4 | <p>Examine Rate Base Continuity Schedule components including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital Assets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Agree capital asset continuity including additions and disposals to audit working papers; ▪ Review overhead capitalization rates for reasonableness and consistency with prior years. Note any changes and assess explanations given; ▪ Review AFUDC recorded including rate used (WACC) and the basis of application; ▪ Perform test calculations for amortization. Agree calculations to audit working papers. Ensure amortization rates are in accordance with Board orders. • Deferred Charges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Review components of deferred charges and ensure items excluded per Board Orders have been removed; ▪ Recalculate amortization and ensure rates are consistent with prior years and Board orders; ▪ Vouch any additions to supporting documentation • Review all other components to rate base and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ensure consistent application with prior years and Board orders; ▪ Review any new additions to supporting documentation and assess appropriateness of inclusion; • Review rate of return on rate base to ensure it is calculated in accordance with Board orders and that the debt to equity ratio is within guidelines established • Recalculate monthly return on rate-base to ensure mechanical accuracy. Agree return to the regulatory financial results. | √ |

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1 **APPENDIX II**

2 **Summary of Audit Program**

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| | PROCEDURE | COMPLETED |
|---|--|------------------|
| 5 | <p>Examine Departmental Expenses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Obtain comparative analysis of departmental cost summary by cost type prepared by EGNB (including explanatory notes);• Agree to Note 8 of the regulatory financial results;• Review against prior year and obtain supporting documentation to verify appropriateness of variances;• Review balances against materiality and perform analysis on those accounts of significance including a review of general ledger transaction and verification against supporting documentation;• Identify potential imprudent costs for further analysis; review costs set aside by EGNB as non-regulatory;• Review capitalization rates applied to each departmental total for consistency with prior year; note changes and follow up and agree to supporting documentation rationalizing change;• Agree total departmental costs deferred to asset accounts. | √ |
| 6 | <p>Examine Affiliate Transactions including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agree comparative summary of affiliate transactions to Note 12 of the regulatory financial results for the current year and prior;• Review comparative summary of affiliate transactions noting distribution consistency for cost type amount departments; agree allocations to departmental expense master summary;• Identify any new charges, or charges that have significant variances from the prior year; obtain explanations from EGNB and assess reasonableness;• Obtain copies of Service Level Agreements and examine;• Test a sample of transactions to supporting documentation from affiliate company; | √ |

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1 **APPENDIX II**

2 **Summary of Audit Program**

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| | PROCEDURE | COMPLETED |
|---|--|------------------|
| 7 | Examine other items contained on regulatory income statement including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deemed capital taxes;• Bad debt expense;• FSA settlement amount and net expense booked for regulatory purposes;• Allowance for Funds Used During Construction;• Municipal and other taxes;• Amortization expense for property, plant and equipment;• Amortization expense for deferred development costs | √ |
| 8 | Assess audit procedure results and determine whether the regulatory financial results have been prepared in accordance with the Gas Distributors Act, 1999 and with subsequent Board orders; | √ |
| 9 | Prepare and issue audit opinion | √ |

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1 **APPENDIX III**
 2 **Summary of Service Level Agreements**

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| AREA OF SERVICE | In force for 2008 | Services defined | Pricing specified (with escalation) | Signed by both parties |
|---|-------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Audit | √ | √ | √ | √ |
| Business development and project consulting | √ | √ | √ | √ |
| Corporate security | √ | √ | √ (note) | √ |
| Dispatch | √ | √ | √ | √ |
| Engineering and operations | √ | √ | √ | √ |
| Environmental, health and safety | √ | √ | √ (note) | √ |
| Fleet and equipment | √ | √ | √ | √ |
| Governance and internal controls | √ | √ | √ | √ |
| HR and patrol benefits | √ | √ | √ | √ |
| IT Consulting and professional services | √ | √ | √ | √ |
| IT Infrastructure | √ | √ | √ | √ |
| Legal and corporate secretarial | √ | √ | √ (note) | √ |
| Planning and economics | √ | √ | √ | √ |
| Planning and opportunity development | √ | √ | √ | √ |
| Purchasing Management | √ | √ | √ | √ |
| Regulatory consulting | √ | √ | √ | √ |
| Risk management | √ | √ | √ | √ |
| Taxation | √ | √ | √ | √ |

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5 Note: These agreements did not have any reference to inflation and price escalation for subsequent years
 6 covered by the contracts.

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1 **APPENDIX IV**
2 **2008 EGNB Regulatory Financial Results**

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4 Attached

Enbridge Gas New Brunswick
Balance Sheet for Regulatory Purposes
As at December 31, 2008

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(in thousands of dollars)

| Assets | <u>2008</u> | <u>2007</u> |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| Regulated Assets | | |
| Property, Plant and Equipment (Note 1) | | |
| Gas Distributor Plant in Service - Net (includes AFUDC capitalized during 2008 of \$29.08) | \$ 136,230 | \$ 118,027 |
| Construction Work In Progress - Gas Distributor Plant | <u>1,613</u> | <u>4,326</u> |
| Total Property, Plant & Equipment | 137,843 | 122,353 |
| Deferred Charges | | |
| Deferred Development Costs - Net (Note 2) | 1,598 | 1,763 |
| Development O&M Capitalized Costs - Net (Note 3) | 79,316 | 59,469 |
| Regulatory Deferral | <u>132,541</u> | <u>117,909</u> |
| Total Deferred Charges | 213,455 | 179,141 |
| Short Term Investments | <u>3,048</u> | <u>3,088</u> |
| Total Regulated Assets | <u>354,346</u> | <u>304,582</u> |
| Non-Regulated Assets | <u>20,511</u> | <u>24,028</u> |
| Total Assets | <u>\$ 374,857</u> | <u>\$ 328,610</u> |
| Liabilities and Partner's Equity | | |
| Partner's Equity | \$ 185,045 | \$ 153,743 |
| Long-term Advances from Associates and Affiliates (Note 4) | 166,650 | 151,650 |
| Non-Regulated Liabilities | <u>23,162</u> | <u>23,217</u> |
| Total Liabilities and Equity | <u>\$ 374,857</u> | <u>\$ 328,610</u> |

Rate Base for Regulatory Purposes – Note 10
Capital Structure for Regulatory Purposes – Note 11
Financial Statement Effects of Rate Regulation - Note 13

Enbridge Gas New Brunswick
Statement of Income for Regulatory Purposes
For the year ended December 31, 2008

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(in thousands of dollars)

| | <u>2008</u> | <u>2007</u> |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Revenue | | |
| Operating Revenue (Note 5) | | |
| Gas distribution | \$ 27,883 | \$ 18,416 |
| Miscellaneous | 391 | 278 |
| Income from Investments | 119 | 235 |
| Allowance for Funds Used During Construction | <u>29</u> | <u>70</u> |
| | 28,422 | 18,999 |
| Installation Services | | |
| Revenue | 13,117 | 18,286 |
| Cost of goods sold | <u>(11,486)</u> | <u>(15,000)</u> |
| | 1,631 | 3,286 |
| Total Revenue | <u>30,053</u> | <u>22,285</u> |
| Expenses | | |
| Operating Expenses | | |
| Operating and maintenance expenses (Note 6) | 4,028 | 4,267 |
| Deemed capital taxes (Note 7) | 344 | 595 |
| Bad debt expense | 679 | 242 |
| Amortization of Property, Plant and Equipment | 4,992 | 3,622 |
| Municipal and Other Taxes | 960 | 816 |
| Interest on Amounts Due to Associates & Affiliates and Other Interest (Note 8) | 10,675 | 9,219 |
| Amortization of Deferred Development Costs | <u>2,118</u> | <u>1,558</u> |
| Total Expenses | <u>23,796</u> | <u>20,319</u> |
| Income (Loss) before Extraordinary Items, Regulatory Deferral and Return on Rate Base | 6,257 | 1,966 |
| Regulatory Deferral | <u>14,938</u> | <u>15,741</u> |
| Regulated Return on Equity (Note 9) | <u>\$ 21,195</u> | <u>\$ 17,707</u> |

Details of Affiliate Transactions – Note 12
Financial Statement Effects of Rate Regulation - Note 13

(in thousands of dollars)

Note 1 **Property, Plant & Equipment**

Property, plant & equipment

| | Cost | Accumulated Amortization | 2008 Net Book Value | 2007 Net Book Value | Rates of Amortization |
|--|-------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| General plant | | | | | |
| Computer hardware & software | \$ 2,964 | \$ (2,026) | \$ 938 | \$ 1,089 | 28.80% |
| Tools and work equipment | 650 | (150) | 500 | 448 | 5.30% |
| Office furniture and equipment | 458 | (99) | 359 | 360 | 4.40% |
| Transportation | 291 | (9) | 282 | 10 | 11.80% |
| Communications | 8 | (7) | 1 | - | 28.80% |
| Leasehold improvements | 462 | (112) | 350 | 274 | 1 |
| Subtotal | 4,833 | (2,403) | 2,430 | 2,181 | |
| Distribution plant | | | | | |
| Land | 375 | - | 375 | 375 | - |
| Rights of way and easements | 121 | - | 121 | 121 | - |
| Distribution mains | 89,330 | (9,293) | 80,037 | 67,134 | 2.43% |
| Street services | 36,846 | (4,390) | 32,456 | 28,256 | 3.83% |
| Meters and regulators | 12,911 | (1,825) | 11,086 | 10,478 | 3.83% |
| Stations | 11,160 | (1,435) | 9,725 | 9,482 | 4.40% |
| Subtotal | 150,743 | (16,943) | 133,800 | 115,846 | |
| Total plant in service | 155,576 | (19,346) | 136,230 | 118,027 | |
| Construction work in progress | 1,613 | - | 1,613 | 4,326 | - |
| Total property, plant & equipment | \$ 157,189 | \$ (19,346) | \$ 137,843 | \$ 122,353 | |

1 - Amortized over the term of the related leases.

(in thousands of dollars)

Note 2 **Deferred Development Costs - Net**

| | 2008 | | 2007 | | |
|--|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| | Cost | Accumulated Amortization | Net Book Value | Net Book Value | Rates of Amortization |
| Franchise fee | \$ 1,500 | \$ (700) | \$ 800 | \$ 875 | 5.00% |
| Deferred carrying costs | 2,687 | (1,889) | 798 | 888 | 20.00% |
| Total deferred development costs, net | \$ 4,187 | \$ (2,589) | \$ 1,598 | \$ 1,763 | |

Note 3 **Development O&M Capitalized Costs - Net**

| | 2008 | | 2007 | | |
|---|------------------|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| | Cost | Accumulated Amortization | Net Book Value | Net Book Value | Rates of Amortization |
| Development O&M capitalized costs | \$ 84,236 | \$ (4,920) | \$ 79,316 | \$ 59,469 | 2.43% |
| Total development O&M capitalized costs, net | \$ 84,236 | \$ (4,920) | \$ 79,316 | \$ 59,469 | |

(in thousands of dollars)

Note 4 Long-term Advances from Associates and Affiliates

| | Issue Date | Maturity Date | Amount | 2008 | | | 2007 | | |
|---|------------|---------------|------------|---------------|-------|-----------|---------------|-------|-----------|
| | | | | Cost of Debt | | | Cost of Debt | | |
| | | | | Enbridge Inc. | EGNB | Regulated | Enbridge Inc. | EGNB | Regulated |
| Promissory Note | 6 Feb 01 | 6 Feb 11 | 6,150 | 6.33% | 7.95% | 7.33% | 6.33% | 7.95% | 7.33% |
| Promissory Note | 28-Jun-02 | 29-Jun-12 | 6,000 | 6.08% | 7.89% | 7.08% | 6.08% | 7.89% | 7.08% |
| Promissory Note | 23-Dec-02 | 24-Dec-12 | 7,500 | 6.50% | 7.41% | 7.50% | 6.50% | 7.41% | 7.50% |
| Promissory Note | 26-Jun-03 | 27-Jun-13 | 13,000 | 5.62% | 6.96% | 6.62% | 5.62% | 6.96% | 6.62% |
| Promissory Note | 30-Dec-03 | 30-Dec-13 | 14,000 | 5.34% | 7.14% | 6.34% | 5.34% | 7.14% | 6.34% |
| Promissory Note | 23-Mar-04 | 24-Mar-14 | 14,000 | 5.33% | 6.69% | 6.33% | 5.33% | 6.69% | 6.33% |
| Promissory Note | 30-Nov-04 | 28-Nov-14 | 21,000 | 5.69% | 6.95% | 6.69% | 5.69% | 6.95% | 6.69% |
| Promissory Note | 30-Mar-05 | 30-Mar-15 | 6,000 | 5.04% | 6.93% | 6.04% | 5.04% | 6.93% | 6.04% |
| Promissory Note | 28-Dec-05 | 28-Dec-15 | 14,000 | 4.59% | 6.53% | 5.59% | 4.59% | 6.53% | 5.59% |
| Promissory Note | 19-Dec-06 | 19-Dec-16 | 21,000 | 4.82% | 6.52% | 5.82% | 4.82% | 6.52% | 5.82% |
| Promissory Note | 20-Dec-07 | 20-Dec-17 | 29,000 | 5.54% | 5.85% | 6.54% | 5.54% | 5.85% | 6.54% |
| Promissory Note | 19-Dec-08 | 19-Dec-13 | 15,000 | 6.85% | 7.85% | 7.85% | 5.54% | 5.85% | 6.54% |
| Total long-term advances from associates and affiliates | | | \$ 168,650 | 5.42% | 6.74% | 6.42% | \$ 151,650 | 5.40% | 6.40% |

The cost of debt of EGNB is limited to the actual borrowing rate of Enbridge Inc. plus 1%.

(in thousands of dollars)

Note 5 **Operating Revenue**

a. **Gas Distribution**

| | 2008 | | | 2007 | | |
|---|------------------|--------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| | Revenue | Customers | Throughput TJs | Revenue | Customers | Throughput TJs |
| Small general service (SGS) | \$ 6,707 | 7772 | 719 | \$ 4,519 | 6877 | 587 |
| General service (GS) | 7,555 | 1348 | 866 | 4,986 | 1039 | 756 |
| Contract general service (CGS) | 7,698 | 246 | 976 | 5,572 | 227 | 934 |
| Contract large general service (CLGS-LFO) | 5,368 | 22 | 1,524 | 2,815 | 20 | 1,218 |
| Contract large general service (CLGS-HFO) | 399 | 7 | 924 | 401 | 7 | 953 |
| Contract large volume off peak (CLVOPS) | 44 | 1 | 5 | 88 | 1 | 17 |
| Off peak service | 112 | 17 | 28 | 35 | 17 | 6 |
| Total | \$ 27,883 | 9,413 | 5,042 | \$ 18,416 | 8,188 | 4,469 |

1 Terajoule (TJ) = 1,000 Gigajoules (GJ)

(in thousands of dollars)

Note 5 **Operating Revenue (continued)**

b. Miscellaneous

| | <u>2008</u> | <u>2007</u> |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Agent billing and collection | \$ 105 | \$ 84 |
| Other miscellaneous revenue | 286 | 194 |
| Total miscellaneous | <u>\$ 391</u> | <u>\$ 278</u> |

Details of Agent Billing and Collection Revenues

(in dollars)

| | <u>2008</u> | <u>2007</u> |
|---|-------------------|------------------|
| Agent billing and collection | | |
| Small general service (SGS) | \$ 81,648 | \$ 62,396 |
| General service (GS) | 14,497 | 12,961 |
| Contract general service (CGS) | 7,141 | 7,025 |
| Agent billing | - | - |
| Contract large general service (CLGS-LFO) | 572 | 613 |
| Contract large general service (CLGS-HFO) | 277 | 292 |
| Contract large volume service (CLVOPS) | 45 | 60 |
| Off peak service (OPS) | 1,020 | 1,150 |
| Total agent billing and collection revenue | <u>\$ 105,200</u> | <u>\$ 84,497</u> |

(in thousands of dollars)

Note 6 **Operating and Maintenance Expenses**

| | <u>2008</u> | <u>2007</u> |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| Corporate management | \$ 1,177 | \$ 1,500 |
| Corporate administration | 876 | 794 |
| Financial reporting | 602 | 476 |
| Information technology | 886 | 1,097 |
| Regulatory & upstream | 852 | 608 |
| Sales & marketing | 17,528 | 15,649 |
| Distribution & maintenance | 6,201 | 5,597 |
| Customer care | 983 | 908 |
| Human resources | 1,813 | 1,755 |
| Gas transportation and related activities | 1,288 | 1,930 |
| Total | <u>32,206</u> | <u>30,314</u> |
| Capitalized to: | | |
| Property, plant & equipment | 6,593 | 4,602 |
| Development O&M capitalized costs | 21,585 | 21,445 |
| Total capitalized | <u>28,178</u> | <u>26,047</u> |
| Total | <u>\$ 4,028</u> | <u>\$ 4,267</u> |

(in thousands of dollars)

Note 7 **Deemed Capital Taxes**

| | 2008 | | 2007 | |
|--|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| | Federal | Provincial | Federal | Provincial |
| Calculation of deemed taxable capital | | | | |
| Partnership capital for regulatory purposes | \$ 176,465 | \$ 176,465 | \$ 146,281 | \$ 146,281 |
| Retained earnings for regulatory purposes | 8,580 | 8,580 | 7,462 | 7,462 |
| Sub-total | <u>185,045</u> | <u>185,045</u> | <u>153,743</u> | <u>153,743</u> |
| Restricted term deposit | (3,048) | (3,048) | (3,088) | (3,088) |
| Intercompany receivable | 166,650 | 166,650 | 151,650 | 151,650 |
| Long-term debt | 163,602 | 163,602 | 148,562 | 148,562 |
| Sub-total | <u>(50,000)</u> | <u>(5,000)</u> | <u>(50,000)</u> | <u>(5,000)</u> |
| Capital deduction | | | | |
| Total taxable capital | 298,647 | 343,647 | 252,305 | 297,305 |
| Taxes | | | | |
| Federal | - | 0.000% | - | 0.000% |
| Provincial | 344 | 0.100% | 595 | 0.200% |
| Total deemed capital taxes | <u>\$ 344</u> | | <u>\$ 595</u> | |

(in thousands of dollars)

Note 8 Interests on Amounts Due to Associates & Affiliates and Other Interest

| | <u>2008</u> | <u>2007</u> |
|--|------------------|-----------------|
| Interest on long-term debt | \$ 10,463 | \$ 8,695 |
| Other interest expense | 202 | 501 |
| AIDC - allowance for funds used during construction (debt component) | 10 | 23 |
| Total interest on amounts due to associates & affiliates and other interest | <u>\$ 10,675</u> | <u>\$ 9,219</u> |

Note 9 Regulated Returns on Equity

| | <u>2008</u> | <u>2007</u> |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Regulated return on equity | \$ 21,176 | \$ 17,660 |
| AEDC - allowance for funds used during construction (equity component) | 19 | 47 |
| Total regulated return on equity | <u>\$ 21,195</u> | <u>\$ 17,707</u> |

(in thousands of dollars)

Note 10 **Rate Base for Regulatory Purposes**

| | <u>2008</u> | <u>2007</u> |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| Property, plant & equipment | | |
| Cost | \$ 155,576 | \$ 132,761 |
| Accumulated amortization | (19,346) | (14,734) |
| Net | <u>136,230</u> | <u>118,027</u> |
| Deferred charges | | |
| Franchise fee, at cost | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| Accumulated amortization | (700) | (625) |
| Net | <u>800</u> | <u>875</u> |
| Development O&M capitalized costs | | |
| Accumulated amortization | 84,236 | 62,651 |
| Net | <u>(4,920)</u> | <u>(3,182)</u> |
| Deferred carrying costs, at cost | 79,316 | 59,469 |
| Accumulated amortization | 2,687 | 2,467 |
| Net | <u>(1,889)</u> | <u>(1,579)</u> |
| Deferral account | 798 | 888 |
| | <u>132,541</u> | <u>117,909</u> |
| Total deferred charges | 213,455 | 179,141 |
| Term deposit | 3,048 | 3,088 |
| Working capital allowance | <u>2,411</u> | <u>2,929</u> |
| Total rate base | <u>\$ 355,144</u> | <u>\$ 303,185</u> |
| Average rate base | <u>\$ 325,775</u> | <u>\$ 271,697</u> |

(in thousands of dollars)

Note 11 **Capital Structure for Regulatory Purposes**

| | <u>2008</u> | <u>2007</u> |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Capital structure | | |
| Long-term debt | \$ 166,650 | \$ 151,650 |
| Equity | 185,045 | 153,743 |
| Total | <u>\$ 351,695</u> | <u>\$ 305,393</u> |

Capital structure percentage

| | | |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Long-term debt | 47.38% | 49.66% |
| Equity | 52.62% | 50.34% |
| Total | <u>100.00%</u> | <u>100.00%</u> |

Capital structure average percentage for regulatory purposes

| | | |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Long-term debt | 50.00% | 50.00% |
| Equity | 50.00% | 50.00% |
| Total | <u>100.00%</u> | <u>100.00%</u> |

Weighted cost of capital for regulatory purposes

| | | |
|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Long-term debt | 3.20% | 3.20% |
| Equity | 6.50% | 6.50% |
| Total | <u>9.70%</u> | <u>9.70%</u> |

(in thousands of dollars)

Note 12 Details of Affiliate Transactions

| | Enbridge Operational Services | Enbridge Commercial Services Inc. | Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. | Total Affiliate Consulting and Services | Total Consulting and Services | Affiliate Expenditure as Percent of Total Consulting and Services |
|--|-------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|---|
| For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008 | | | | | | |
| Corporate management | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 39 | \$ 77 | \$ 292 | 26% |
| Sales & marketing | - | - | - | - | 1,137 | 0% |
| Human resources | - | - | 23 | 60 | 187 | 32% |
| Distribution & maintenance | - | - | 391 | 391 | 709 | 55% |
| Budget & regulatory | 84 | - | 11 | 95 | 812 | 12% |
| Financial reporting | - | - | 12 | 62 | 190 | 33% |
| Customer care | - | - | 14 | 14 | 534 | 3% |
| Corporate administration | - | - | 7 | 768 | 768 | 100% |
| Gas transportation & related information technology | 70 | - | - | 70 | 70 | 100% |
| | - | 59 | 253 | 451 | 488 | 92% |
| Total | \$ 154 | \$ 1,024 | \$ 751 | \$ 1,988 | \$ 5,186 | 38% |

2007

| | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|
| Corporate management | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 59 | \$ 95 | \$ 504 | 19% |
| Sales & marketing | - | - | - | - | 2,437 | 0% |
| Human resources | - | - | 91 | 110 | 269 | 41% |
| Distribution & maintenance | - | - | 718 | 718 | 1,310 | 55% |
| Budget & regulatory | 191 | - | 3 | 194 | 703 | 28% |
| Financial reporting | - | - | 23 | 115 | 217 | 53% |
| Customer care | - | - | - | - | 456 | 0% |
| Corporate administration | - | - | 5 | 606 | 606 | 100% |
| Gas transportation & related information technology | - | 168 | - | - | - | 0% |
| | - | 63 | 223 | 454 | 518 | 88% |
| Total | \$ 191 | \$ 812 | \$ 1,121 | \$ 2,292 | \$ 7,019 | 33% |

(in thousands of dollars)

Note 13 Financial Statement Effects of Rate Regulation

The Partnership's primary business activities are subject to regulation by the New Brunswick Energy and Utilities Board (EUB). The Partnership follows accounting practices prescribed by its regulator or stipulated in approved ratemaking decisions that are subject to examination and approval by the EUB and are similar to those being used by other enterprises in the gas distribution industry in Canada. Accordingly, the timing and recognition of certain revenues and expenses may differ from that otherwise expected under generally acceptable accounting principles (GAAP) applicable to non-regulated operations. The ultimate recoverability of costs incurred is dependant upon the approval of the EUB.

Rate regulation creates differences between the manner in which the Partnership accounts for transactions or events and how they would be accounted for if the Partnership was not subject to rate regulation. The differences in accounting treatment include:

The type of regulation in effect for the Partnership is a modified cost of service regulation. Unlike many similar utilities, the Partnership's rates are market, not cost, based. Rates charged by the Partnership are based on a targeted savings over alternate fuel for end use customers. This rate setting methodology has been approved by the EUB for use during the development period after which rates are expected to be cost based. The EUB has approved a regulatory deferral account to capture the difference between the Partnership's regulated revenues and its regulated cost of service which non-regulated enterprises would not recognize.

The EUB permits an "allowance for funds used during construction" (AFUDC) to be included in the rate base. In addition, AFUDC is included in the cost of property, plant and equipment and is depreciated over future periods as part of the total cost of the related asset, based on the expectation that depreciation expense, including the AFUDC component, will be approved for inclusion in future rates. AFUDC for rate-regulated entities includes both an interest component and a cost of equity component. In the absence of rate regulation, GAAP would permit the capitalization of only the interest component. Therefore, the initial set up of the equity component as a capitalized asset and the corresponding revenue recognized during the construction phase would not be recognized nor would the subsequent depreciation of the asset.

As prescribed by the EUB, the Partnership does not recognize gains and losses on the sale of natural gas in the statement of income and uses a purchase gas variance account to defer the gain or loss on sale. Non-regulated enterprises would normally account for the gain or loss in the statement of income or comprehensive income.

As allowed by the EUB, the Partnership capitalizes certain operating and maintenance expenses incurred during the Partnership's development period. Non-regulated enterprises may expense certain of these costs in the period incurred.

Enbridge Inc., on behalf of the Partnership, maintains a pension plan which provides defined benefit pension benefits. As prescribed by the EUB, contributions made to the plan are expensed as paid, consistent with the recovery of such costs in rates. Under GAAP, pension costs and obligations for defined benefit pension plans are determined using the projected benefit method and are charged to income as services are rendered.