

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

**A hearing on the Ontario Energy Board's own motion to consider
the price paid by rate-regulated natural gas distributors and
their customers for natural gas produced in Ontario**

INTERROGATORIES to ONTARIO PETROLEUM INSTITUTE (OPI)

from

INDUSTRIAL GAS USERS ASSOCIATION (IGUA)

1. Reference: OPI Evidence, page 10, lines 3-5.

Preamble:

OPI's evidence states:

OPI believes that greater transparency about available market/capacity in the EGI distribution system is needed, and that such market/capacity analysis should incorporate the environmental and economic benefits of local production.

Questions:

- (a) Please elaborate on what "*environmental and economic benefits*" should be incorporated into analysis by EGI of market/capacity in the EGI distribution system.
- (b) Please explain how OPI suggests such benefits be incorporated into the analysis.
- (c) Please explain the objective of incorporating such benefits, including in particular what use EGI and/or the OEB should make of such information.

2. Reference: OPI Evidence, page 11.

Preamble:

OPI's evidence discusses the potential for a "*contestability procedure*" for connecting Ontario natural gas producers to the EGI system, analogizing to the contestability procedures under the OEB's *Distribution System Code*.

Question:

Please describe the components of the facilities for Ontario natural producers to connect to the EGI system, and specify which of those components OPI believes can and should be made subject to a contestability procedure.

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