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Re: Application of Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation (a subsidiary of CH Energy Group, Inc.) for Long-Term Authorization to Import and Export Natural Gas from and to Canada, FE Docket No. 07-97NG
(ANE/Nexen Contract)

Dear Ms. Moore:

Please find enclosed for filing an original and three copies of the Application of Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation (a subsidiary of CH Energy Group, Inc.) ("Central Hudson") for Long-Term Authorization to Import and Export Natural Gas from and to Canada. Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$50.00, made payable to the U.S. Department of Treasury, for the filing fee.

A copy of Central Hudson's application is also being transmitted to you as of the date of this letter by email. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

IN THE MATTER OF)

CENTRAL HUDSON GAS & ELECTRIC)
CORPORATION (A SUBSIDIARY OF)
CH ENERGY GROUP, INC.))

FE Docket No. 07-97 - NG

APPLICATION OF CENTRAL HUDSON
FOR LONG-TERM AUTHORIZATION TO IMPORT AND EXPORT
NATURAL GAS FROM AND TO CANADA

Pursuant to Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (“NGA”), 15 U.S.C. § 717b, the regulations of the Department of Energy (“DOE”), 10 C.F.R. § 590.201, et seq., and DOE Delegation Order Nos. 0204-111 and 0204-127, Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation (a subsidiary of CH Energy Group, Inc.) (“Central Hudson”) hereby applies to DOE’s Office of Fossil Energy (“OFE”) for long-term authority to import and export from and to Canada natural gas purchased under the terms of the Back to Back Agreement (ANE/Nexen Contract) between Alberta Northeast Gas Limited (“ANE”), Central Hudson and four other local distribution companies¹ dated September 17, 2007 (“Back to Back Agreement”). The Back to Back

¹ The five other local distribution companies that are signatory to the Back to Back Agreement are The Brooklyn Union Gas Company (d/b/a KeySpan Energy Delivery New York), KeySpan Gas East Corporation (d/b/a KeySpan Energy Delivery Long Island), Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. and New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (a subsidiary of Energy East). Central Hudson and the other four companies are referred to collectively as the “Repurchasers.”

Agreement incorporates the terms of the Long Haul Term Gas Supply Contract between ANE and Nexen Marketing (“Nexen”) also dated September 17, 2007 (“Long Haul Agreement”) pursuant to which ANE will purchase the subject volumes from Nexen.² In support of its application, Central Hudson states the following:

I.

The exact legal name of Central Hudson is Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation. Central Hudson is a New York corporation with its principal place of business in Poughkeepsie, New York. Its parent company is CH Energy Group, a New York corporation, which has its principal place of business in Poughkeepsie, New York. Central Hudson is an electric utility and a local natural gas distribution company subject to regulation by the New York Public Service Commission and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Central Hudson serves approximately 62,000 retail natural gas customers in the Hudson Valley portion of the State of New York. To the best of Central Hudson’s knowledge, other than this application and an application of even date related to gas purchased by ANE from BP Canada Energy Company, both of which are to OFE, no similar application, nor any related matters, are currently pending before any other part of DOE, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, or any other Federal agency or department. As stated in the attached opinion of counsel (Exhibit A), the proposed natural gas importation and exportation are within the corporate powers of Central Hudson.

² Central Hudson attaches to the original and copies of this application a redacted version of each of the Long Haul Agreement and the Back to Back Agreement as Exhibit B and Exhibit C, respectively. Central Hudson has provided one copy of each of those agreements to OFE in complete, unredacted form, which copies Central Hudson requests OFE to return after its review is completed.

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II.

The authorization sought herein will permit Central Hudson to import and export from and to Canada up to 38,584 MMBtu of natural gas per day for a period commencing on November 1, 2007 (or such later date of first delivery under the authorization) and extending through October 31, 2011; the total volume for which Central Hudson seeks authorization over the three-year term is 56.3 Bcf of natural gas. Central Hudson intends to utilize the gas imported under this authorization for system supply to serve the customers in its service territory.³

All of the gas imported under the requested authorization will be purchased from ANE under the terms of the Back to Back Agreement between ANE and the Repurchasers and, as incorporated therein, the terms of the Long Haul Agreement between ANE and Nexen. ANE

³ Central Hudson is also requesting authority to export natural gas to Canada to make it possible for Central Hudson to sell to customers in Canada, on any given day, the volumes that it now plans to import under the authorization it is requesting herein.

is a Canadian corporation that acts as a conduit for the purchase of gas from Canadian suppliers and its resale to local distribution companies in the Northeast United States, including Central Hudson. Consistent with the structure of ANE's operations that flows through to these local distribution companies the benefits and obligations of being a direct purchaser of Canadian gas, the Back to Back Agreement flows through to Central Hudson and the other Repurchasers all of ANE's rights and obligations under the Long Haul Agreement.⁴ Thus, the terms of the proposed imports are set by the Long Haul Agreement as well as the Back to Back Agreement; these terms are described in Section III below.

No new pipeline facilities subject to federal regulation will be required for the importation or exportation, and no potential environmental impact is anticipated. Central Hudson will make all U.S. transportation arrangements for the gas imported and exported under the requested authority. The gas will be transported in the United States on existing facilities of Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P. ("Iroquois"). ANE will not own or operate any natural gas facilities. All gas delivered to ANE by Nexen under the Long Haul Agreement will be resold, immediately upon its receipt, by ANE to Central Hudson under the Back to Back Agreement. Such gas will be received by Iroquois from TransCanada PipeLines Limited ("TransCanada") for the account of Central Hudson.

Central Hudson will comply with all reporting requirements deemed necessary by OFE, including filing quarterly reports.

⁴ The OFE authorized a similar import arrangement by Central Hudson, among other Northeastern local distribution companies, through ANE in *Brooklyn Union Gas Company, et al.*, 1 FE ¶¶ 70,285 and 70,370 (1990) (DOE/FE Orders Nos. 368 et seq.)

III.

The principal terms of the Long Haul Agreement, incorporated in the Back to Back Agreement, are as follows:

Contract Term. The Long Haul Agreement became effective, subject to the receipt of regulatory approvals, on September 17, 2007 and the contract term continues through October 31, 2011, unless earlier terminated under the terms of the Long Haul Agreement. The contract term of the Back to Back Agreement is co-extensive.

Commencement of Deliveries. The period of delivery commences on November 1, 2007 and continues through October 31, 2011.

Delivery Point. The point of delivery will be a point on the international boundary between Canada and the United States at or near the point of interconnection between the facilities of TransCanada and the facilities of Iroquois at or near Iroquois, Ontario.

Contract Quantity. The Daily Contract Quantity (“DCQ”) under the Long Haul Agreement is 38,584 MMBtu per day. Under the terms of the Back to Back Agreement, Central Hudson’s “Aliquot Share” of that DCQ is 11.5% or 4,451 MMBtu per day. The contract provisions permit Central Hudson flexibility with respect to both its monthly and daily nominations up to its Aliquot Share of the DCQ. In addition, Central Hudson may purchase the volumes in excess of its Aliquot Share of the DCQ in the event that one or more other Repurchasers elects not to purchase its Aliquot Share of the DCQ for any specified period of time. In such event, ANE shall offer such volumes for sale to the other Repurchasers and Central Hudson would have the opportunity to purchase additional volumes.⁵

⁵ The authorized volume requested by this Application reflects the full DCQ under the Long Haul Agreement because of the theoretical possibility that Central Hudson could purchase that volume if all other Repurchasers elected not to purchase their Aliquot Shares of the DCQ. (footnote continued on next page)

Price. The price under the Long Haul Agreement is comprised of a commodity charge, as well as the demand and commodity charges for gas transportation in Canada. The commodity charge generally is based on a specified index price. Under the Back to Back Agreement, Central Hudson is also responsible to pay all costs and expenses incurred by ANE in connection with the Long Haul Agreement.

IV.


Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act provides that an import or export of natural gas must be authorized unless there is a finding that it “will not be consistent with the public interest.” 15 U.S.C. § 717b(a) (1993). As amended by Section 201 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992, P.L. 102-486, 106 Stat. 2866 (1992), 15 U.S.C. § 717b(c) (1993), the importation and exportation of natural gas from and to “a nation with which there is in effect a free trade agreement requiring national treatment for trade in natural gas [is] deemed to be consistent with the public interest” and authorization for such must be granted without modification or delay. 15 U.S.C. § 717b(c). The authorization sought by Central Hudson is to import and export natural gas from and to Canada, a nation with which a free trade agreement is in effect. It therefore meets the Section 3(c) criterion and should be approved as consistent with the public interest.

This request is consistent with the similar import arrangement through ANE previously authorized by OFE. *See n. 4 supra.*

WHEREFORE, Central Hudson respectfully requests authorization, effective as of November 1, 2007, to import and export from and to Canada up to 38,584 MMBtu of natural gas per day for a period beginning on November 1, 2007 (or such later date of first delivery under the authorization) and extending through October 31, 2011 or 56.3 Bcf of natural gas over the four-year term.

Dated: September 18, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBIT A

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Re: Application of Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation for Blanket Authorization to Import and Export Natural Gas from and to Canada

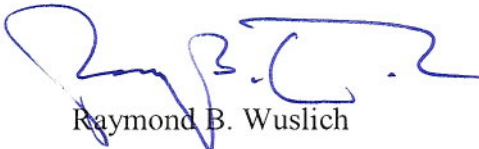
Dear Sir or Madam:

I have acted as counsel to Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation ("Central Hudson") in connection with the above-referenced application, and this opinion is being furnished to you pursuant to the regulations of the Department of Energy, 10 C.F.R. § 590.202(c), and Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act, 15 U.S.C. § 717b.

I have reviewed the application filed by Central Hudson and have reviewed such other documents, including public corporate records, and have made such investigations of law as I have deemed necessary and relevant as a basis for the opinion hereinafter expressed.

To the best of my knowledge, after due inquiry, it is my opinion that Central Hudson has all necessary corporate authority to import and export natural gas to and from Canada as requested in the application.

Very truly yours,



Raymond B. Wuslich

EXHIBIT B

Long Haul Agreement

(redacted)

2007 LONG HAUL TERM GAS SUPPLY AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is made effective this 17th day of September, 2007 **BETWEEN:**

Nexen Marketing, an Alberta Partnership, with principal offices in Calgary, Alberta (hereinafter referred to as "SELLER")

and

Alberta Northeast Gas Limited, a Canadian Corporation, with principal offices in Portsmouth, New Hampshire (hereinafter referred to as "BUYER").

SELLER and BUYER are sometimes hereinafter referred to separately as "Party" and jointly as "Parties".

WHEREAS, SELLER has or will have contracted for certain long haul natural gas transportation capacity to the Delivery Point on NGTL and TransCanada.

WHEREAS, BUYER seeks to purchase certain Firm natural gas supplies.

WHEREAS, SELLER desires to sell certain Firm natural gas supplies.

WHEREAS, BUYER will immediately resell the natural gas supplies purchased hereunder to the following natural gas local distribution companies:

- New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (a subsidiary of Energy East)
- Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc., for itself and as agent for Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc.
- The Brooklyn Union Gas Company (d/b/a KeySpan Energy Delivery New York)
- KeySpan Gas East Corporation (d/b/a KeySpan Energy Delivery Long Island)
- Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation (a subsidiary of CH Energy Group, Inc.)

pursuant to the Back to Back Agreement between BUYER and the Repurchasers and the Consent Agreement between SELLER, BUYER and the Repurchasers.

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to set forth the terms and conditions applicable to the sale by SELLER and the purchase by BUYER of certain quantities of natural gas.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and mutual covenants contained herein SELLER and BUYER mutually agree as follows:

1. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

1.1 Definitions

In this Agreement the following capitalized words and phrases have the following meanings:

“**10³m³**” means the quantity of Gas occupying one thousand cubic metres at a temperature of 15 degrees Celsius and at a pressure of 101.325 kilopascals absolute.

“**Agreement**” means this 2007 Long Haul Term Gas Supply Agreement.

“**Alternate Commodity Price**” means

“**Average Daily Commodity Price**” means

“**Back to Back Agreement**” means that certain agreement titled “Back to Back Agreement (ANE/Nexen 07 Contract)” of even date herewith by and between BUYER and the Repurchasers.

“**Business Day**” means any Day, other than a Saturday, Sunday, or a United States or Canadian Federal holiday.

“**CCT**” means Central Clock Time, which shall be the prevailing time (standard or daylight savings) in the United States Central Time Zone.

“**Confirmation**” means a completed document substantially in the form of Exhibit “B” confirming Alternate, Monthly and Daily Nominations (other than deemed Nominations) under Section 5.

“**Consent Agreement**” means that certain agreement titled “Assignment and Consent Agreement (ANE/Repurchasers/Nexen 07)” of even date herewith by and among BUYER, the Repurchasers and SELLER.

“**Contract Price**” means :

“Conversion Factors” means for Gas stated in 10^3m^3 to be converted to GJ, NGTL’s posted heating value at the Empress border for the Delivery Month and for Gas stated in GJ to be converted to MMBtu, using a factor of 1.055056 GJ/MMBtu.

“Daily Commodity Price” means

“Daily Contract Quantity” or **“DCQ”** means a quantity of Gas per Day equal to 38,584 MMBtu.

“Day” means a period of twenty-four consecutive hours, beginning at 9:00 a.m. CCT on any calendar day.

“Deficiency Default” has the meaning set forth in Sections 4.3 and 4.4.

“Deficiency Quantity” has the meaning set forth in Sections 4.3 and 4.4.

“Delivery Month” means the Month in which Gas is or is to be delivered.

“Delivery Point” means a point on the international boundary between Canada and the United States of America at or near the point of interconnection between the facilities of TransCanada and the facilities of Iroquois at or near Iroquois, Ontario and Waddington, New York.

“Demand Charge” means

"Dollars" (and the symbol "\$") means dollars, which shall be designated as U.S. dollars ("US\$") or Canadian Dollars ("CAD\$").

"Effective Date" means the date of this Agreement as hereinabove written.

"Exchange Rate" means the published Bank of Canada noon day rate of exchange for CAD\$/US\$ for the first Business Day of the month following the Delivery Month. The Exchange Rate shall be utilized for all conversions between US\$ and CAD\$.

"Firm" means the Parties' obligations are unconditional except in the event of a *Force Majeure* or where excused by the other Party's failure to perform its obligations hereunder.

"Force Majeure" has the meaning set out in Section 11.

"Gas" means methane and other gaseous hydrocarbons that is consistent with the quality, temperature and pressure standards and specifications of NGTL, TransCanada and Iroquois, as amended from time to time and approved by jurisdictional regulatory authorities.

"GJ" means 1 gigajoule; 1 gigajoule is equal to one million joules; a joule has the meaning specified in the SI system of units.

"Governmental Body" means a federal, state or provincial governmental agency, regulatory body, or legislature with the authority to approve, change, modify or reject any or all of the terms of this Agreement, the Back to Back Agreement, or the Consent Agreement or with the authority to take any other action which affects performance under this Agreement, the Back to Back Agreement, or the Consent Agreement or to grant or deny permits or licenses necessary therefor.

"Interest" means interest which shall accrue on any amounts owing under this Agreement calculated daily and not compounded for the period of time from the date the payment is due until it is paid, at a rate equal to the Prime Rate as reported in the Money Rates column of the Wall Street Journal on the last Business Day of the preceding month, plus one percent, divided by 365.

"Iroquois" means Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P.

"Market Disruption Event" means, with respect to a price index, any of the following events: (i) the failure of the price source to announce or publish information necessary for determining the Alternate Commodity

Price, the Monthly Commodity Price, the Daily Commodity Price, or the Average Daily Commodity Price; (ii) the failure of trading to commence or the discontinuation or material suspension of trading in the relevant commodity on the exchange or market acting as the price source; (iii) the discontinuance or unavailability of the price source; or (iv) the closing of any exchange acting as the price source.

"MMBtu" means one million British thermal units; a British thermal unit has the same meaning as the International Btu ("Btu(IT)").

"Month" means a period of time beginning at 9:00 a.m. CCT on the first Day of any calendar month and ending at 9:00 a.m. CCT on the first Day of the next calendar month.

"Monthly Commodity Price" means . . .

"NGTL" means Nova Gas Transmission Limited, a subsidiary of TransCanada, or any successor thereto.

"Period of Delivery" means the period commencing at 9:00 a.m. CCT on November 1, 2007 and ending at 9:00 a.m. CCT on November 1, 2011.

"Reference Price" means, in the case of a Seller Deficiency Default, the price stated in US\$/MMBtu at which BUYER obtains gas in substitution for the Seller Deficiency Quantity and, in the case of a Buyer Deficiency Default, the price stated in US\$/MMBtu at which SELLER sells the Buyer Deficiency Quantity; and in either case, (i) adjusted in a commercially reasonable manner to account for incremental costs of transportation to or from the Delivery Point incurred in making the substitute purchase or sale and (ii) the Conversion Factors and Exchange Rate shall be utilized for any required conversions.

"Replacement Price Differential" means, in the event of a Seller Deficiency Default, the positive difference, if any, obtained by subtracting the Contract Price from the Reference Price, and, in the event of a Buyer Deficiency Default, the positive difference, if any, obtained by subtracting such Reference Price from the Contract Price.

“Repurchaser” shall mean any one of the local distribution companies listed in the fourth Recital of this Agreement and **“Repurchasers”** shall mean two or more of the local distribution companies listed in the fourth Recital of this Agreement.

“Scheduled Contract Quantity” means the sum of the Alternate Nomination, Monthly Nomination, and Daily Nomination as determined under Section 5.

“Taxes” means all *ad valorem*, property, occupation, severance, consumption, production, gathering, pipeline, utility, gross production, gross receipts, sales, use, excise and other taxes, governmental charges, licenses, permits and assessments, other than taxes based on excess profits, net income or net worth.

“TransCanada” means TransCanada PipeLines Limited, or any successor thereto.

“TransCanada Capacity” means

“Transportation Commodity Charges” means

- 1.2 Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties relating to the subject matter hereof and supersedes any other agreements, whether written or oral, existing at the date hereof between the Parties concerning such subject matter. No amendment, modification or change to this Agreement shall be enforceable unless executed in writing by both Parties.

1.3 BUYER and the Repurchasers. It is acknowledged and agreed that BUYER will immediately resell the natural gas supplies to be purchased by BUYER from SELLER hereunder to the Repurchasers, whose aggregate natural gas supply requirements comprise the DCQ, as set forth in Exhibit "D" hereto (as such Exhibit "D" may be revised from time to time by BUYER, to reflect a reallocation of or a reduction of, but not an increase in, the DCQ (i) as agreed by SELLER and BUYER, (ii) as provided under the terms of this Agreement or (iii) upon any assignment by a Repurchaser of its share of the DCQ as set forth in Exhibit "D" hereto to another Repurchaser, provided that the assignee Repurchaser meets the Minimum Rating or posts Adequate Assurance of Performance or SELLER otherwise consents).

2. **TERM .**

2.1 Term. This Agreement shall be in force and effect as of the Effective Date and shall continue in full force and effect for a period ending at 9:00 a.m. CCT on November 1, 2011, unless earlier terminated pursuant to the terms hereof. Deliveries of the Scheduled Contract Quantity shall commence at 9:00 a.m. CCT on the first Day of the Period of Delivery.

2.2

3. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

- 3.1 Representations. Each Party, with respect to itself, hereby represents and warrants to the other Party that, as of the Effective Date: (i) there are no suits, proceedings, judgements or orders by or before any court or any Governmental Body that materially adversely affect its ability to perform this Agreement or the rights of the other Party under this Agreement; (ii) subject to Section 8.1, it has the legal right, power and authority to conduct its business, to execute and deliver this Agreement and to perform its obligations hereunder; (iii) the making and performance of this Agreement are within its powers and do not and will not violate any provision of law or any rule, regulation, order, writ, judgement, decree or other determination presently in effect applicable to it or any provision of its governing documents, except any such violations which would not have a material adverse effect; (iv) this Agreement constitutes a legal, valid, and binding act and obligation of it, enforceable against it, subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization and other laws affecting creditors' rights generally; and (v) there are no bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, receivership or other proceedings pending, or being contemplated by it or, to its knowledge, threatened against it.
- 3.2 Warranty. SELLER warrants that it shall at the time of delivery have good title to and/or the full right and authority to sell good and merchantable title to all Gas delivered by SELLER to BUYER hereunder, and that such Gas is free and clear from all liens and adverse claims accruing prior to delivery of such Gas to BUYER. SELLER warrants that it shall as of November 1, 2011 (or such earlier date as may be required by the terms of this Agreement) have good title to the TransCanada Capacity on a year-to-year renewable basis

4. QUANTITY OBLIGATIONS

- 4.1 BUYER's Purchase Obligation. BUYER shall purchase and receive from SELLER at the Delivery Point, on a Firm basis each Day during the Period of Delivery, a quantity of Gas equal to the Scheduled Contract Quantity. BUYER shall be the exporter of Gas from Canada and the individual Repurchasers shall be the importers of Gas into the United States.

- 4.2 SELLER's Sales Obligation. SELLER shall sell and deliver to BUYER at the Delivery Point, on a Firm basis each Day during the Period of Delivery, a quantity of gas equal to the Scheduled Contract Quantity.
- 4.3 BUYER's Failure to Receive. If on any Day during the Period of Delivery, BUYER fails to purchase and receive the Scheduled Contract Quantity for such Day at the Delivery Point and such failure is not excused by SELLER's non-performance or pursuant to an event of *Force Majeure*, then such occurrence shall constitute a "Buyer Deficiency Default," and the difference between the Scheduled Contract Quantity for such Day and the quantity of Gas purchased and received by BUYER for such Day is the "Buyer Deficiency Quantity." For further clarity, a reduction of an Alternate Nomination or a Monthly Nomination in accordance with Section 5.3 shall not constitute a Buyer Deficiency Default. In the event of a Buyer Deficiency Default, BUYER shall pay SELLER an amount equal to the product of the Buyer Deficiency Quantity multiplied by the Replacement Price Differential, pursuant to the invoicing and payment provisions set forth in Sections 7.1(b) and 7.2 (respectively), provided that SELLER has used commercially reasonable efforts to sell the Buyer Deficiency Quantity at the market price that will result in the least amount of damages being incurred. If a Buyer Deficiency Default continues unabated for three (3) consecutive Days or five (5) or more cumulative Days in any thirty (30) Day period, such event shall be an Event of Default hereunder and SELLER may, at its sole option, at any time within fifteen (15) Days after the conclusion of either such period, give written notice to BUYER, to terminate this Agreement otherwise in accordance with the provisions of Section 7.6.
- 4.4 SELLER's Failure to Deliver. If on any Day during the Period of Delivery, SELLER fails to sell and deliver BUYER's Scheduled Contract Quantity for such Day at the Delivery Point and such failure is not excused by BUYER's non-performance or pursuant to an event of *Force Majeure*, then such occurrence shall constitute a "Seller Deficiency Default," and the difference between BUYER's Scheduled Contract Quantity for such Day and the quantity of Gas sold and delivered by SELLER is the "Seller Deficiency Quantity." For further clarity, a reduction of an Alternate Nomination or a Monthly Nomination in accordance with Section 5.3 shall not constitute a Seller Deficiency Default. In the event of a Seller Deficiency Default, SELLER shall pay BUYER an amount equal to the product of the Seller Deficiency Quantity multiplied by the Replacement Price Differential, pursuant to the invoicing and payment provisions set forth in Sections 7.1(b) and 7.2 (respectively), provided that BUYER has used commercially reasonable efforts to purchase gas in substitution for the Seller Deficiency Quantity at the market price that will result in the least amount of

damages being incurred. If a Seller Deficiency Default continues unabated for three (3) consecutive Days or five (5) or more cumulative Days in any thirty (30) Day period, such event shall be an Event of Default hereunder and BUYER may, at its sole option, at any time within fifteen (15) Days after the conclusion of either such period, give written notice to SELLER to terminate this Agreement otherwise in accordance with the provisions of Section 7.6.

- 4.5 Priority of Deliveries. In the event that on any Day the quantity of Gas delivered and received is for any reason less than the Scheduled Contract Quantity, the quantity of Gas not delivered and/or received shall be accounted for as follows:
- (a) first, each Repurchaser's share of the Scheduled Contract Quantity (and more specifically of the Alternate Nomination(s), Monthly Nomination and Daily Nomination, as such terms are defined in Section 5) on such Day shall be determined as follows: a deemed Alternate Nomination shall be allocated as set forth in the executed writing under Section 4.8; a deemed Monthly Nomination equal to the DCQ shall be allocated as set forth on Exhibit "D"; a deemed Monthly Nomination equal to the DCQ less the Alternate Price Quantity shall be allocated taking into account both the allocations set forth on Exhibit "D" and in the executed writing under Section 4.8; all other Alternate, Monthly or Daily Nominations shall be allocated as set forth in the respective Confirmations under Sections 5.1 and 5.3;
 - (b) second, each Repurchaser's share of the Gas not delivered and/or received shall be deemed to be in proportion to each Repurchaser's share of the Scheduled Contract Quantity on such Day as determined under Section 4.5(a), provided, however, that, if Gas is not taken by BUYER due to the action or inaction of, or a *Force Majeure* affecting, one or more of the Repurchasers, then each Repurchaser's share shall be determined based upon such causation; and,
 - (c) third, for each Repurchaser's share so determined, the category or categories of the Gas not delivered and/or taken shall be deemed to be first the Daily Nomination, then the Monthly Nomination, and last the Alternate Nomination(s), as such terms are defined in Section 5.
- 4.6 Market Disruption Event. If a Market Disruption Event occurs on any Day, the Parties shall promptly and in good faith negotiate a substitute for the Alternate Commodity Price, Monthly Commodity Price, Daily Commodity Price, or Average Daily Commodity Price, as applicable (or method for determining a substitute for such Price) for the affected Day or Days. If a substitute is not so

determined by the third (3rd) Business Day after the Day on which the Market Disruption Event first occurred, then on or before the fifth (5th) Business Day after the Day on which the Market Disruption Event first occurred, each Party shall obtain in good faith and transmit to the other Party up to three quotes from leading dealers for the sale of Gas in the relevant market and the Parties together shall determine the substitute by averaging all such quotes if four or fewer or, if more than four, averaging the remaining quotes after discarding the highest and lowest.

4.7 Redetermination of a Price Index. If a price index required to calculate the Monthly Commodity Price, Daily Commodity Price, Average Daily Commodity Price or the Alternate Commodity Price permanently ceases to be available or a Market Disruption Event affecting such price index continues for seven (7) Days, and no successor price index is identified or generally accepted within the industry, the Parties shall promptly and in good faith negotiate a replacement index for such price index (the "Replacement Price Index"). If the Parties cannot agree on a substitute methodology or price index by the end of the first Month in which a price index ceases to be available, then within ten (10) Days of the end of such Month, each Party shall prepare and submit simultaneously to the other Party a list, numbered in order of preference, of up to five alternate published reference postings or prices representative of spot prices for Gas delivered in or near the point of the price index to be replaced. The Replacement Price Index shall be the index that appears on both Parties' lists and for which the sum of the numbers indicating each Party's order of preference is the lowest; in the event that such sums are the same for two indices, then the choice between the two will be determined by lot. If no index appears on both Parties' lists, then within ten (10) Days of the most recent exchange of lists, each Party shall prepare and submit a new list adding two indices. This procedure shall be repeated until a Replacement Price Index is determined. If either Party fails to provide timely a list, the Replacement Price Index shall be the index listed first on the other Party's list. For the first half of the period from and after the date the price index ceases to be available until the date that the Replacement Price Index is determined, the price index shall be the last price index available, and for the second half of such period, the price index shall be the Replacement Price Index.

4.8 Conversion to an Alternate Commodity Price.

5. **OPERATIONS AND DELIVERY**

5.1 BUYER's Nominations to SELLER.

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- 5.4 Measurement. The volume and energy content of the Gas sold hereunder shall be measured at the Delivery Point by TransCanada. SELLER shall (a) provide notice to BUYER at such time as it receives notice, if any, from TransCanada that the measurement equipment is to be tested and, if agreed by TransCanada, permit BUYER to attend such testing and (b) procure from TransCanada, upon reasonable request by BUYER therefor, the results of any measurement equipment testing performed at the Delivery Point during the term of this Agreement. If at any time any inaccuracy in such measurement equipment is found, it shall be resolved in accordance with the TransCanada and Iroquois tariffs.

6. POSSESSION AND TITLE

6.1 Title Transfer and Indemnity. SELLER shall be responsible for any injury or damage caused by the Gas delivered hereunder up to and including the time it is delivered to BUYER at the Delivery Point. Following delivery of Gas to BUYER at the Delivery Point, BUYER shall be responsible for any injury or damage caused thereby. Title to Gas delivered hereunder shall pass from SELLER to BUYER at the Delivery Point.

6.2 Risk of Loss. SELLER and BUYER each assume full responsibility and liability for, and shall indemnify and hold harmless the other Party from all losses, liabilities or claims (including reasonable legal fees and costs of Court), arising from any act or incident related to the Gas occurring when title to the Gas is vested in the indemnifying Party, except to the extent such act or incident was caused by the gross negligence or wilful misconduct of the other Party.

7. BILLING AND PAYMENT

7.1 Invoice Date and Charges.

(a) By the 10th Day of the Month immediately following the Delivery Month, SELLER shall invoice BUYER for Gas which was delivered and received in the Delivery Month and for any applicable charges, providing supporting documentation acceptable in industry practice to support the amount charged. Such amount due shall be the sum of:

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together with any other amounts due under this Agreement and reflecting any credits or debits required under this Agreement, including those required pursuant to Section 5.3.

If

the actual quantity of Gas delivered is not available by such billing date, billing will be prepared based on the Scheduled Contract Quantity, and the invoiced quantity will then be adjusted to the actual quantity on the following Month's billing or as soon thereafter as actual delivery information is available.

- (b) After either a Seller Deficiency Default or a Buyer Deficiency Default occurs, the non-defaulting Party shall provide to the other Party a detailed statement ("Deficiency Default Statement") setting forth the amount due for such default and the basis upon which the amount was calculated pursuant to either Section 4.3 or Section 4.4. The non-defaulting Party must notify the other Party of a default no later than five (5) Business Days after the date such Party became aware of the default and the non-defaulting Party shall provide a Deficiency Default Statement no later than the tenth Day of the Month following the Month of the Deficiency Default.
- 7.2 Payment Date. Subject to Section 7.4, BUYER shall pay amounts BUYER owes and SELLER shall pay amounts SELLER owes as set forth in invoices and/or statements under Section 7.1 no later than the Payment Date. For invoices rendered under Section 7.1(a), "Payment Date" means the later of the twenty-fifth Day of the Month following the Delivery Month or the Day fifteen (15) Days after receipt of the invoice, provided that if the Payment Date is not a Business Day, payment is due on the next following Business Day, provided further that if the Payment Date falls on a Friday which is not a Business Day, BUYER shall use commercially reasonable efforts to make payment on the immediately preceding Business Day. For Deficiency Default Statements rendered under Section 7.1(b), "Payment Date" means the fifth Business Day after the defaulting Party receives the Deficiency Default Statement. All payments invoiced under Section 7.1 shall be made in immediately available funds by electronic funds transfer to the payee's account designated on Exhibit "A" hereto.
- 7.3 Late Payment. If the invoiced Party fails to remit the full amount payable when due under this Agreement, Interest on the unpaid portion shall accrue from the date payment was due until the date payment is made in full.
- 7.4 Invoice Disputes. If the invoiced Party, in good faith, disputes the amount of any such invoice or any part thereof, such invoiced Party will pay such amount as it concedes to be correct; provided however if the invoiced Party disputes the amount due, it must provide supporting documentation acceptable in industry

practice to support the amount paid or disputed. A Party shall have the right, at its own expense, upon reasonable notice and at reasonable times, to examine and audit and to obtain copies of the relevant portion of the books, records, and telephone recordings of the other Party only to the extent reasonably necessary to verify the accuracy of any statement, charge, payment or computation made under the Agreement. This right to examine, audit, and to obtain copies shall not be available with respect to proprietary information not directly relevant to transactions under this Agreement. All invoices and billings shall be conclusively presumed final and accurate and all associated claims for under- or overpayments shall be deemed waived unless such invoices or billings are objected to in writing, with adequate explanation and/or documentation, within two years after the Delivery Month. All retroactive adjustments under this Section 7 shall be paid in full by the Party owing payment within 30 Days of notice and substantiation of such inaccuracy.

7.5 Billing/Payment Address. Billings, payments and statements shall be made to the accounts or the addresses specified in Exhibit "A" hereto, as may be amended from time to time.

7.6 Financial Responsibility.

- (a) The Parties acknowledge and agree that, as of the Effective Date, SELLER and each individual Repurchaser satisfy the Minimum Rating as defined below. For the purposes of this Section 7.6(a), any reference to a Party includes a reference to (i) SELLER, (ii) BUYER only in the event that BUYER is requesting Adequate Assurance of Performance or BUYER is the Non-Defaulting Party (as defined hereinafter), (iii) an individual Repurchaser and (iv) any other party providing Adequate Assurance of Performance (as defined hereinafter). If a Party becomes Materially Weaker (as defined hereinafter) or a Designated Event (as defined hereinafter) occurs with respect to that Party after the Effective Date of this Agreement, causing the resulting, surviving or transferee entity to become Materially Weaker, the other Party may demand Adequate Assurance of Performance, whether or not an Event of Default or another event of non-performance has occurred, which Adequate Assurance of Performance shall be provided by the Party by the end of the second Business Day after a demand is received, provided, however, that if Adequate Assurance of Performance is demanded of an individual Repurchaser, SELLER shall be entitled to demand Adequate Assurance of Performance only with respect to such Repurchaser's share of the DCQ as set forth on Exhibit "D".

- (i) "Adequate Assurance of Performance" shall mean sufficient security in the form, amount, term and from an issuer reasonably acceptable to the Party requesting same, including, but not limited to
 - (A) a standby irrevocable letter of credit issued by a U.S. commercial bank or the New York branch of a Canadian Bank with such bank having credit rating of at least "A" from Standard & Poor's ("S&P") and "A3" from Moody's Investor Service ("Moody's") (Exhibit "C" sets forth provisions of an acceptable letter of credit);
 - (B) a guaranty from a third party having a minimum credit rating on its senior unsecured long-term debt (not supported by third-party enhancement) of at least "BBB-" from S&P and "Baa3" from Moody's and not on Credit Watch with a Negative Outlook or other similar terminology (the "Minimum Rating") and, in instances where a third party is rated by only one of the two rating agencies, only the minimum credit rating specified above for that agency must be satisfied; or
 - (C) a cash deposit or prepayment.
- (ii) "Materially Weaker" shall mean, for the purposes of this Section 7.6(a), where X refers to a Party, the senior long-term unsecured debt (not supported by third-party enhancement) or deposits of X, or any partner in X, or in the event of reorganization, the resulting, surviving or transferee entity of X or any partner in X, is or are, as the case may be, rated less than the Minimum Rating as defined in Section 7.6(a)(i)(B). If X or any partner in X is not rated by either of the above agencies during the term of this Agreement, it shall be deemed to be Materially Weaker if there is a change in the nature, character, identity or condition of X or any partner in X, or in the event of a reorganization, the resulting, surviving or transferee entity, that would lead the other Party, solely as a result of such change from its state prior to such event or Designated Event, to decline to make an extension of credit to, or enter into a transaction with, X, the partner in X or the transferee entity. SELLER shall be deemed to be Materially Weaker only in the event that all partners in Seller are Materially Weaker, provided, however, that it is understood and agreed that all partners in SELLER are jointly and

severally liable for the obligations of SELLER under this Agreement.

- (iii) "Designated Event" shall mean:
- (A) X or any partner in X consolidates, reorganizes, amalgamates or merges with, or transfers all or substantially all its assets to, or receives all or substantially all the assets or obligations of, another entity; or
 - (B) any person or entity acquires directly or indirectly the beneficial ownership of equity securities having the power to elect a majority of the board of directors of X or any partner in X; or
 - (C) X or any partner in X effects any substantial change in its capital structure by means of the issuance or occurrence of debt or preferred stock or other securities convertible into or exchangeable for, debt or preferred stock; or
 - (D) X or any partner in X enters into any agreement providing for any of the foregoing; or
 - (E) In the case of SELLER, Nexen Inc. ceases to be a partner in SELLER.
- (b) In the event (each an "Event of Default") any Party (the "Defaulting Party") or its guarantor shall: (i) make an assignment or any general arrangement for the benefit of creditors; (ii) file a petition or otherwise commence, authorize, or acquiesce in the commencement of a proceeding or case under any bankruptcy or similar law for the protection of creditors or have such petition filed or proceeding commenced against it; (iii) otherwise become bankrupt or insolvent (however evidenced); (iv) be unable to pay its debts as they fall due; (v) have a receiver, provisional liquidator, conservator, custodian, trustee or other similar official appointed with respect to it or substantially all of its assets; (vi) fail to provide, establish or maintain for, or on behalf of, SELLER or an individual Repurchaser, respectively, any Adequate Assurance of Performance as required under Section 7.6(a) or otherwise fail to perform any obligation with respect to any Adequate Assurance of Performance so provided or established; (vii) not have paid any amount due another Party hereunder on or before the second Business Day following written Notice that such payment is due; (viii) fail to receive or deliver Gas for the

specified period set forth in Section 4.3 or Section 4.4, respectively; or (ix) fail to perform any other material obligation to another Party under this Agreement; then SELLER (if BUYER, an individual Repurchaser or an individual Repurchaser's guarantor is the Defaulting Party) or BUYER (if SELLER or its guarantor is the Defaulting Party) (the "Non-Defaulting Party") shall have the right, in addition to any and all other remedies available hereunder

SELLER, at its sole election, (x) immediately and for such period as the Event of Default is continuing (or for such extended period provided in Sections 4.3 and 4.4) to withhold and/or suspend deliveries or payments upon Notice for a period of up to thirty (30) Days, and/or (y) immediately or after any period of suspension and for such period as the Event of Default is continuing (or for such extended period provided in Sections 4.3 and 4.4) to terminate and liquidate this Agreement, in the manner provided in Section 7.6(c); provided, however, that if one or more individual Repurchasers is a Defaulting Party, and BUYER has so notified SELLER, then such Repurchaser, and not BUYER, shall be the Defaulting Party for purposes of this Section 7.6 and SELLER's rights shall be limited to that portion of this Agreement representing the portion of the DCQ allocated as set forth on Exhibit "D" to the Repurchaser that is the Defaulting Party (the "Defaulted Portion") and, in the case of termination, SELLER's rights shall be subject to the right of any other Repurchaser to assume the rights and obligations under the Back to Back Agreement of the Defaulted Portion as long as each such assuming Repurchaser meets the Minimum Rating or posts Adequate Assurance of Performance, or SELLER otherwise consents, in which case SELLER shall not be entitled to terminate such Defaulted Portion.

- (c) If an Event of Default has occurred, the Non-Defaulting Party shall have the right, by Notice to the Defaulting Party, to designate a Day, no earlier than the Day such Notice is given and no later than 20 Days after such Notice is given, as an early termination date (the "Early Termination Date") for the liquidation and termination pursuant to Section 7.6(c)(i) of this Agreement.
 - (i) As of the Early Termination Date, the Non-Defaulting Party shall determine, in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner,

(i) the amount owed (whether or not then due) by the Defaulting Party and the Non-Defaulting Party with respect to all Gas delivered and received between those Parties under this Agreement on and before the Early Termination Date and all other applicable charges relating to such deliveries and receipts (including without limitation any amounts owed under Sections 4.3 or 4.4), for which payment has not yet been made by the Party that owes such payment under this Agreement and (ii) the Market Value, as defined below, of this Agreement. The Non-Defaulting Party shall (x) liquidate this Agreement at its Market Value, so that the difference between the Market Value and the Contract Value, as defined below, shall be due to the BUYER or the individual Repurchaser(s) if such Market Value exceeds the Contract Value and to the SELLER if the opposite is the case; and (y) discount the amount then due under clause (x) above to present value in a commercially reasonable manner as of the Early Termination Date (to take account of the period between the date of liquidation and the date on which such amount would have otherwise been due pursuant to this Agreement). For purposes of this Section 7.6(c)(i), "Contract Value" means the amount of Gas remaining to be delivered or purchased under this Agreement or the Defaulted Portion, as applicable, multiplied by either the Contract Price,

and "Market Value" means the amount of Gas remaining to be delivered or purchased under this Agreement or the Defaulted Portion, as applicable, multiplied by the market price for a similar long haul supply agreement at the Delivery Point determined by the Non-Defaulting Party in a commercially reasonable manner. To ascertain the Market Value, the Non-Defaulting Party may consider, among other valuations, any or all of the settlement prices of NYMEX Gas futures contracts, quotations from leading dealers in energy swap contracts or physical gas trading markets, similar sales or purchases and any other bona fide third-party offers, all adjusted for the length of the term and differences in transportation costs. A Party shall not be required to enter into a replacement agreement(s) in order to determine the Market Value. Any extension of the term of this Agreement to which Parties are not bound as of the Early

Termination Date shall not be considered in determining Contract Value and Market Value. For the avoidance of doubt, any option pursuant to which one Party has the right to extend the term of this Agreement shall not be considered in determining Contract Value and Market Value. The rate of interest used in calculating net present value shall be determined by the Non-Defaulting Party in a commercially reasonable manner.

- (ii) The Non-Defaulting Party shall net or aggregate, as appropriate, any and all amounts owing between the Non-Defaulting and Defaulting Parties under Section 7.6(c)(i), so that all such amounts are netted or aggregated to a single liquidated amount payable by one Party to the other (the "Net Settlement Amount"). At its sole option and without prior Notice to the Defaulting Party, the Non-Defaulting Party may setoff (i) any Net Settlement Amount owed to the Non-Defaulting Party against any margin or other collateral held by it in connection with any obligation(s) to provide or establish for, or on behalf of, a Party any Adequate Assurance of Performance; or (ii) any Net Settlement Amount payable to the Defaulting Party against any amount(s) payable by the Defaulting Party to the Non-Defaulting Party under any other agreement or arrangement between those Parties.
- (iii) If any obligation that is to be included in any netting, aggregation or setoff pursuant to Section 7.6(c)(ii) is unascertained, the Non-Defaulting Party may in good faith estimate that obligation and net, aggregate or setoff, as applicable, in respect of the estimate, subject to the Non-Defaulting Party accounting to the Defaulting Party when the obligation is ascertained. Any amount not then due which is included in any netting, aggregation or setoff pursuant to Section 7.6(c)(ii) shall be discounted to net present value in a commercially reasonable manner determined by the Non-Defaulting Party.
- (d) As soon as practicable after a liquidation, Notice shall be given by the Non-Defaulting Party to the Defaulting Party of the Net Settlement Amount, and whether the Net Settlement Amount is due to or due from the Non-Defaulting Party. The Notice shall include a written statement explaining in reasonable detail the calculation of such amount, provided that failure to give such Notice shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the liquidation or give rise to any claim by the Defaulting

Party against the Non-Defaulting Party. The Net Settlement Amount shall be paid by the close of business on the second Business Day following such Notice, which date shall not be earlier than the Early Termination Date. Interest on any unpaid portion of the Net Settlement Amount shall accrue from the date due until the date of payment.

- (e) The Non-Defaulting Party's remedies under this Section 7.6 are the sole and exclusive remedies of the Non-Defaulting Party with respect to the occurrence of any Early Termination Date

Each Party reserves to itself all other rights, setoffs, counterclaims and other defenses that it is or may be entitled to arising from the Agreement.

8. REGULATION

- 8.1 Regulatory Approval. Implementation of the terms and conditions of this Agreement is subject to receipt and acceptance, not to be unreasonably withheld, of all necessary authorizations for SELLER to remove Gas from Alberta, export authorizations for BUYER from the National Energy Board of Canada and import authorizations for the Repurchasers from the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Fossil Energy on or before October 1, 2007 or such later date as may be mutually agreed upon for good cause by SELLER and BUYER.
- 8.2 Other Events. If a Party's or a Repurchaser's activities under this Agreement, the Back to Back Agreement and/or the Consent Agreement (the "Affected Party") become subject to new law or regulation or a change in law or regulation which renders this Agreement, the Back to Back Agreement and/or the Consent Agreement illegal or incapable of being performed, or an event of *Force Majeure* continues unabated for at least 30 consecutive Days, then the Affected Party (or, in the case of an unabated *Force Majeure*, either Party) may elect, by written notice to the other Party, to terminate this Agreement immediately, provided, however, that,

and provided further that if one or more individual Repurchasers is an Affected Party or Party entitled to the benefit of

the provision regarding *Force Majeure*, and BUYER has so notified SELLER, then the right to terminate this Agreement right shall be limited to that portion of the DCQ allocated as set forth on Exhibit "D" to such Repurchaser(s) and shall be subject to the right of any other Repurchaser to assume the rights and obligations under the Back to Back Agreement of such portion of the DCQ as long as each such assuming Repurchaser meets the Minimum Rating or posts Adequate Assurance of Performance, or SELLER otherwise consents, in which case such portion of this Agreement shall not be subject to termination.

9. NOTICE

Address for and Receipt of Notices. All notices and communications made pursuant to this Agreement shall be in writing and transmitted as specified in Exhibit "A" and shall, if transmitted and confirmed by facsimile, telecopier, or other similar form of telecommunication or by email during normal business hours, be deemed to have been given or made on the Business Day on which so transmitted and, if sent by overnight courier and delivery is confirmed, or, if mailed by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, be deemed to have been given or made on the Business Day on which delivered.

10. TRANSFER OR ASSIGNMENT

10.1 Transfer or Assignment. Neither this Agreement nor any interest or obligation in or under this Agreement may be transferred (whether by security or otherwise) by either Party without the prior written consent of the other Party (such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld), except that a Party may make such transfer of this Agreement pursuant to a consolidation or amalgamation with, or merger with or into, or transfer of all or substantially all its assets to another entity (but without prejudice to any other right or remedy under this Agreement) provided that the aforesaid entity has a credit rating equal to or greater than that of the transferring Party or otherwise is of greater or equal creditworthiness as the transferring Party. Notwithstanding the foregoing, (1) BUYER shall have the right to assign this Agreement and all of its interests and obligations hereunder to one or more of the Repurchasers; and (2) each Repurchaser has the right to assign all of its interests and obligations under the Back to Back Agreement and Consent Agreement to any other Repurchaser or any company with which such assigning Repurchaser is affiliated at the time of the assignment, provided that, in the case of clauses (1) or (2), each such assignee meets the Minimum Rating or posts Adequate Assurance of Performance or SELLER otherwise consents.

10.2 Enurement. This Agreement shall enure to and be binding upon the successors and permitted assigns of the Parties hereto.

11. FORCE MAJEURE

- 11.1 Suspension for Force Majeure. For the purposes of this Section 11, in the case of SELLER, "Party" and "SELLER" shall mean Nexen Marketing and, in the case of BUYER, "Party" and "BUYER" shall mean Alberta Northeast Gas Limited or any individual Repurchaser affected by *Force Majeure*. Except with regard to a Party's obligation to make payment(s) due under Section 7 and for imbalances, imbalance charges or penalties under Section 13, neither Party shall be liable to the other for failure to perform a Firm obligation, to the extent such failure was caused by *Force Majeure*, and BUYER shall not be liable to SELLER for failure to perform a Firm obligation that is the result of a failure of any individual Repurchaser to perform a Firm obligation under the Back to Back Agreement that was caused by *Force Majeure* as defined in this Section 11. The term "*Force Majeure*" as employed herein means any cause not reasonably within the control of the Party claiming suspension, as further defined in Section 11.2.
- 11.2 Events Constituting Force Majeure. "*Force Majeure*" shall include, but not be limited to, the following: (i) physical events such as acts of God, landslides, lightning, earthquakes, fires, floods, washouts, explosions, breakage or accident or necessity of repairs to machinery or equipment or lines of pipe; (ii) weather related events affecting an entire geographic region, such as low temperatures which cause freezing or failure of wells or lines of pipe or storms or storm warnings, such as hurricanes, which result in evacuation of such entire geographic region; (iii) interruption and/or curtailment of Firm transportation and/or storage by NGTL, TransCanada or Iroquois; (iv) acts of others such as strikes, lockouts or other industrial disturbances, riots, terrorist attacks, sabotage, insurrections or wars; and (v) governmental actions such as necessity for compliance with any court order, law, statute, ordinance, regulation, or policy having the effect of law promulgated by a governmental authority having jurisdiction. SELLER and BUYER shall make reasonable efforts to avoid the adverse impacts of a *Force Majeure* and to resolve the event or occurrence once it has occurred in order to resume performance.
- 11.3 Obligations of Parties During Force Majeure. Neither Party shall be entitled to the benefit of the provisions of *Force Majeure* to the extent performance is affected by any or all of the following circumstances: (i) the curtailment of interruptible or secondary Firm transportation unless primary, in-path, Firm transportation is also curtailed; (ii) the Party claiming excuse failed to use reasonable efforts to overcome the condition or otherwise failed to remedy the condition and to resume the performance of such covenants or obligations with reasonable dispatch; or (iii) economic hardship, to include, without limitation, SELLER's

ability to sell Gas at a higher or more advantageous price than the Contract Price or BUYER's ability to purchase Gas at a lower or more advantageous price than the Contract Price; (iv) the loss of BUYER's market(s) or BUYER's inability to use or resell Gas purchased hereunder, except, in either case, as provided in Section 11.2; (v) the loss or failure of SELLER's gas supply or depletion of reserves, except, in either case, as provided in Section 11.2; or (vi) partial or entire failure of specific wells, including without limitation, well blow outs and well craterings. The Party claiming *Force Majeure* shall not be excused from its responsibility for imbalances, imbalance charges or penalties under Section 13 related to its interruption after the nomination is made to TransCanada, in the case of SELLER, and to Iroquois, in the case of BUYER, and until the change in deliveries and/or receipts is confirmed by the respective transporter.

- 11.4 Industrial Disturbances. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the Parties agree that the settlement of strikes, lockouts or other industrial disturbances shall be within the sole discretion of the Party experiencing such disturbance.
- 11.5 Notice of Force Majeure. The Party whose performance is prevented by *Force Majeure* must provide Notice to the other Party. Initial Notice may be given orally; however, written Notice with reasonably full particulars of the event or occurrence is required as soon as reasonably possible. Upon providing written Notice of *Force Majeure* to the other Party, the affected Party will be relieved of its obligation, from the onset of the *Force Majeure* event, to make or accept delivery of Gas, as applicable, to the extent and for the duration of *Force Majeure*, and neither Party shall be deemed to have failed in such obligations to the other during such occurrence or event; provided, however, that in the event of a *Force Majeure* affecting some, but not all of SELLER's gas supplies accessible at the Delivery Point, BUYER, at a minimum, shall be entitled to a pro rata allocation of any gas supplies delivered to SELLER's Firm buyers at the Delivery Point and any failure by SELLER to make such allocation and deliveries shall not be excusable by *Force Majeure*.

12. TAXES

Allocation of and Indemnity for Taxes. The Contract Price includes and SELLER is liable for and shall pay, all Taxes applicable to the Gas sold hereunder that may be imposed prior to its delivery at the Delivery Point. SELLER shall reimburse BUYER for all Taxes paid on behalf of SELLER by BUYER. The Contract Price does not include and BUYER is liable for and shall pay, all Taxes applicable to Gas sold hereunder that may be imposed at or after delivery at the

Delivery Point, including any goods and services tax ("GST") due under the *Excise Tax Act* (Canada). BUYER shall reimburse SELLER for all such Taxes paid on behalf of BUYER by SELLER. BUYER represents and warrants to SELLER that, unless BUYER notifies SELLER to the contrary, BUYER will comply with the requirements of the *Excise Tax Act* (Canada) for a zero-rated export of the Gas sold hereunder, and such Gas will be invoiced by SELLER on a zero-rated (i.e. no GST payable) basis.

13. IMBALANCES

Responsibility for Imbalances. Subject to Section 11.3, the Party causing (or Party whose pipeline transporter causes) a pipeline imbalance, imbalance or variance charge, or a pipeline-imposed penalty shall be responsible for, liable for and shall indemnify the other Party from such imbalances, charges or penalties.

14. MISCELLANEOUS

14.1 Winding Up Arrangements. Upon termination of this Agreement, any monies due and owing shall be promptly paid pursuant to the terms hereof. Notwithstanding the termination of this Agreement, the provisions respecting liabilities and indemnities which have accrued prior to the effective date of such termination and provisions respecting confidentiality, maintenance of records, audit rights and settlement of accounts, shall continue in full force and effect in accordance with their terms.

14.2 Non-Waiver. No waiver by either Party of any default by the other in the performance of any provisions of this Agreement shall be construed as a waiver of any other default whether of a like or different nature. Except as otherwise expressly stated herein, failure of a Party to complain of any act or to declare the other Party in default, or to elect to terminate this Agreement, regardless of how long such failure continues, shall not constitute a waiver thereof until the applicable statute of limitations period has expired.

14.3 Severability. Except as otherwise stated herein, if any provision or Section of this Agreement is declared or rendered unlawful by a court of law or Governmental Body or deemed unlawful because of a statutory change, the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall be unaffected.

14.4 Headings and Exhibits. The headings used for the Sections herein are for convenience and reference purposes only and shall not affect the meaning or interpretation of the provisions of this Agreement. All Exhibits referenced in this Agreement are hereby incorporated for all purposes.

14.5 Record Retention. The Parties shall retain all relevant records throughout the Period of Delivery and for two years thereafter.

14.6 Dispute Resolution. Any claim, counterclaim, demand, cause of action, dispute, or controversy arising out of or relating to this Agreement, any provision hereof, or the alleged breach thereof, (collectively the "Claims"), whether such Claims sound in contract, tort, or otherwise, at law or in equity, under provincial, state or federal law, whether provided by statute or the common law, for damages or any other relief, shall be resolved by binding and non-appealable arbitration.

The Parties agree that all disputes arising out of this Agreement shall be determined by final and binding arbitration conducted in accordance with the International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution's Rules for Non-Administered Arbitration. The site of the arbitration shall be in New York, and the language of the arbitration shall be English. The validity, construction, and interpretation of this Agreement to arbitrate, and all procedural aspects of the arbitration conducted pursuant hereto shall be decided by the arbitrators. It is agreed that the Arbitrators shall have no authority to award treble, exemplary or punitive damages or consequential, indirect or incidental damages of any type under any circumstances whether or not such damages may be available under provincial, state or federal law, or under any applicable Arbitration Act, the Parties hereby waiving their right, if any, to recover any such damages. All awards shall be in writing and shall state the reasoning on which the award rests unless the Parties agree otherwise. The Parties shall bear equally all fees, costs and expenses of the arbitration and each Party shall bear its own legal expenses, attorneys' fees and costs of all experts and witnesses, provided, however, that the arbitration panel may apportion between the Parties the costs incurred by either Party as the arbitration panel may deem equitable.

Within thirty Days of the date one Party notifies the other Party of initiation of the arbitration procedure under this Section, each Party shall select one arbitrator. The two arbitrators shall select a third arbitrator. One of the arbitrators shall be a lawyer. The arbitrators shall take an oath at the first session of the arbitration affirming that that they are neutral and impartial and each of the arbitrators shall be experienced in the resolution of disputes, controversies or claims relating to the subject matter of the dispute.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, any arbitration proceeding and the arbitrators award shall be maintained in confidence by the Parties.

- 14.7 Applicable Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and in accordance with the laws of the Province of Alberta, Canada, without regard to principles of conflicts of law.
- 14.8 Further Assurances. Each of the Parties shall during the term of this Agreement, on a reasonable written request to do so, do all such further acts and execute and deliver or cause to be done, executed or delivered all such further acts, deeds, documents, assurances and things as may be reasonably required in order to perform the terms of this Agreement.
- 14.9 Confidentiality. Each Party agrees that it will maintain this Agreement, and all parts and contents thereof, in strict confidence, and that it will not cause or permit disclosure of same to any third-party without the express written consent of the other Party; provided that disclosure by a Party is permitted in the event and to the extent:
- (1) such Party is required by a court or agency exercising jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof, by order or regulation or law, to disclose; provided that in the event either Party becomes aware of a judicial or administrative proceeding that has resulted or may result in such a requirement or need to disclose, it shall (A) so notify the other Party immediately, (B) utilize all reasonably available means to limit the scope of the required disclosure, and (C) take all actions reasonably necessary to prevent disclosure to the public as a result of disclosure to the court or administrative body;
 - (2) disclosure is necessary to obtain transportation of the Gas covered by this Agreement;
 - (3) disclosure of information to such third-party is for the sole purpose of calculating a published index price;
 - (4) disclosure is required to implement capacity assignment programs; or
 - (5) disclosure is required in the course of routine audit procedures or to enforce the provisions of the Agreement.
- 14.10 Electronic Recording. Each Party agrees that the other Party may at its option electronically record, without any additional notice, all telephone conversations between the officers, employees or agents of the Parties under this Agreement.
- 14.11 Disclosure of Tax Treatment. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, each Party to this Agreement (and each employee, representative or other agent of such Party for so long as they remain an employee, representative or agent) may disclose to any and all persons, without limitation of any kind, the tax treatment

and tax structure of the transaction contemplated herein (the "Transaction") and all materials of any kind (including opinions or other analysis) that are provided to such Party relating to such tax treatment or tax structure; provided, however, that any such disclosure may not be made (a) until the earlier of (i) the date of the public announcement of the discussions relating to the Transaction, (ii) the date of the public announcement of the Transaction, or (iii) the date of the execution of this Agreement (with or without conditions) and (b) to the extent required to be kept confidential to comply with any applicable securities laws. Nothing in this Agreement, or any other agreement between the Parties hereto express or implied, shall be construed as limiting in any way the ability of either Party to consult with any tax adviser (including a tax adviser independent from all other entities involved in the Transaction) regarding the tax treatment or tax structure of the Transaction.

14.12 Type of Parties.

- (a) To the extent that this Agreement shall constitute a "commodity contract" or an "OTC derivative" pursuant to the *Securities Act* (Alberta) or the *Securities Act* (British Columbia), SELLER represents that it, and BUYER represents that it and each of the Repurchasers, is a "Qualified Party" within the meaning of Paragraph 9.1 of the Alberta Securities Commission Blanket Order 91-502 and Paragraph 1.1 of the British Columbia Securities Commission Blanket Order BOR #91-501.
- (b) It is the intention of the Parties that this Agreement, and any guarantee of a Party's liabilities under this Agreement, shall each constitute an "eligible financial contract" within the meaning of the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act (Canada), the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act (Canada), the Winding-Up and Restructuring Act (Canada), and other Canadian insolvency legislation. To the extent that this Agreement is, or the Parties are, subject to the application of the United States Bankruptcy Code, it is the intention of the Parties that this Agreement shall constitute a "forward contract".

14.13 Restrictions. EXCEPT AS SET FORTH HEREIN, THERE IS NO WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, AND ANY AND ALL IMPLIED WARRANTIES ARE DISCLAIMED. FOR BREACH OF ANY PROVISION FOR WHICH AN EXPRESS REMEDY OR MEASURE OF DAMAGES IS PROVIDED, SUCH EXPRESS REMEDY OR MEASURE OF DAMAGES SHALL BE THE SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE REMEDY, A PARTY'S LIABILITY HEREUNDER SHALL BE LIMITED AS SET FORTH IN SUCH PROVISION, AND ALL OTHER REMEDIES OR

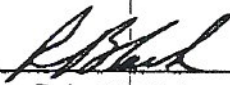
DAMAGES AT LAW OR IN EQUITY ARE WAIVED. IF NO REMEDY OR MEASURE OF DAMAGES IS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED HEREIN, A PARTY'S LIABILITY SHALL BE LIMITED TO DIRECT ACTUAL DAMAGES ONLY, SUCH DIRECT ACTUAL DAMAGES SHALL BE THE SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE REMEDY, AND ALL OTHER REMEDIES OR DAMAGES AT LAW OR IN EQUITY ARE WAIVED. UNLESS EXPRESSLY HEREIN PROVIDED, NEITHER PARTY SHALL BE LIABLE FOR CONSEQUENTIAL, INCIDENTAL, PUNITIVE, EXEMPLARY OR INDIRECT DAMAGES, LOST PROFITS OR OTHER BUSINESS INTERRUPTION DAMAGES, BY STATUTE, IN TORT OR CONTRACT, UNDER ANY INDEMNITY PROVISION (UNLESS THE THIRD PARTY CLAIMANT OBTAINS A JUDGEMENT FOR SUCH) OR OTHERWISE. IT IS THE INTENT OF THE PARTIES THAT THE LIMITATIONS HEREIN IMPOSED ON REMEDIES AND THE MEASURE OF DAMAGES BE WITHOUT REGARD TO THE CAUSE OR CAUSES RELATED THERETO, INCLUDING THE NEGLIGENCE OF ANY PARTY, WHETHER SUCH NEGLIGENCE BE SOLE, JOINT OR CONCURRENT, OR ACTIVE OR PASSIVE. TO THE EXTENT ANY DAMAGES REQUIRED TO BE PAID HEREUNDER ARE LIQUIDATED, THE PARTIES ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE DAMAGES ARE DIFFICULT OR IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE, OR OTHERWISE OBTAINING AN ADEQUATE REMEDY IS INCONVENIENT AND THE DAMAGES CALCULATED HEREUNDER CONSTITUTE A REASONABLE APPROXIMATION OF THE HARM OR LOSS.

- 14.14 Counterparts. This Agreement is executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement as of the date set forth above.


Nexen Marketing

Alberta Northeast Gas Limited

Per: 
Robert J. Black
President

Per: _____



Per: 
Susan L. Schull
Vice President & General Counsel

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Acknowledged by:

New York State Electric & Gas Corporation
(a subsidiary of Energy East)

KeySpan Gas East Corporation (d/b/a
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and through its agent KeySpan Utility
Services LLC

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Per: Jim Carmichael

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Jim CARMICHAEL
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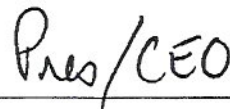
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Ronald Lukas
Name Printed

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Vice President
Title

Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc., for itself and as agent for Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc.

Per: Joseph P. Oates

Joseph P. Oates

Name Printed

Vice President

Title

Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation
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Per: _____

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Per: _____

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Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation
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Per: _____

Per: MLM

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MICHAEL L. HOSTER
Name Printed

Title

VP - REGULATORY AFFAIRS
Title

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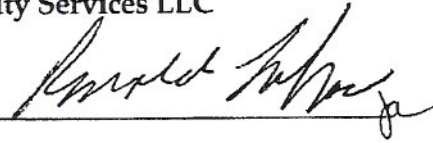
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Ronald Lukas

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Vice President

Title

**EXHIBIT "A" to 2007 LONG HAUL TERM GAS SUPPLY AGREEMENT
NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS**

NOTICES TO BUYER:

Alberta Northeast Gas Limited
c/o Northeast Gas Markets, L.L.C.
155 Borthwick Avenue, Suite 101
Portsmouth, New Hampshire 03801
Telephone No. (603) 427-5030
Facsimile No. (603) 427-5031
E-mail: jcarmichael@negm.com ;
mferullo@negm.com

PAYMENTS TO BUYER:

NOTICES TO SELLER:

Nexen Marketing
Gas Contracts Administration
801 – 7 Avenue S.W. (Suite 1700)
Calgary, Alberta T2P 3P7
Telephone No. (403) 699-4088/5724
Facsimile No. (403) 699-5701
E-mail: sharron_roberts@nexeninc.com
deb_strang@nexeninc.com

PAYMENTS TO SELLER:

BILLING AND ACCOUNTING MATTERS:

BUYER

c/o Northeast Gas Markets L.L.C.
155 Borthwick Avenue, Suite 101
Portsmouth, New Hampshire 03801
Telephone No. (603) 427-5030
Facsimile No. (603) 427-5031
E-mail: jcarmichael@negm.com ;
mferullo@negm.com

CONFIRMATIONS:

BUYER

AFTER HOUR NOTICES:

BILLING AND ACCOUNTING MATTERS:

SELLER

Nexen Marketing
Gas Accounting
801 – 7 Avenue S.W. (Suite 1700)
Calgary, Alberta T2P 3P7
Telephone No. (403) 699-4221
Facsimile No. (403) 699-5705
E-mail: terry_ohara@nexeninc.com ;
chandra_prebushewski@nexeninc.com

CONFIRMATIONS:

SELLER

AFTER HOUR NOTICES:

EXHIBIT "B" to 2007 LONG HAUL TERM GAS SUPPLY AGREEMENT
FORM OF CONFIRMATION

CONFIRMATION FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY

Letterhead/Logo	Date: _____, _____ Confirmation #: _____
This Confirmation is under the 2007 Long Haul Term Gas Supply Agreement ("Agreement") between Buyer and Seller dated _____, 2007.	
SELLER: _____ Attn: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Transporter: _____ TransporterContractNumber: _____	BUYER: _____ Attn: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Transporter: _____ Transporter Contract Number: _____
Special Conditions:	
Seller: _____ By: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____	Buyer: _____ By: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____

EXHIBIT "C" to 2007 LONG HAUL TERM GAS SUPPLY AGREEMENT
PROVISIONS OF ACCEPTABLE LETTER OF CREDIT

LETTER OF CREDIT PROVISIONS

Adequate Assurance of Performance in the form of a Letter of Credit, provided by one party ("X") for the benefit of the other ("Y") pursuant to Section 7.6(a)(i)(A) of this Agreement, shall provide as follows:

- (a) (i) the Letter of Credit shall have an initial term of one year, which shall automatically renew for successive one-year terms, unless the issuer of the Letter of Credit, by the date ninety (90) Days prior to the expiry of any such term (or a shorter notice period required by the issuer), provides written notice of its intent not to renew the outstanding Letter of Credit to Y;
- (ii) the issuer of the Letter of Credit must honor Y's properly documented request to draw on the Letter of Credit within two (2) Business Days of presentation of the request to draw; and,
- (iii) if the Letter of Credit shall expire during an interruption of business of the issuer of such Letter of Credit arising from a cause or circumstance referenced in Article 17 of the Uniform Customs and Practice for Documentary Credits, 1993 Revision, International Chamber of Commerce Publication No. 500 (as such Article may be amended from time to time), the issuer of such Letter of Credit shall specifically agree to honor drafts drawn on such Letter of Credit if they are presented to the bank within thirty (30) Days after the issuer's resumption of business from such interruption and such drawings are otherwise in compliance with the terms and conditions of such Letter of Credit.
- (b) upon or at any time after the occurrence of an Event of Default or an Early Termination Date, in either case with respect to X as the Defaulting Party, Y may draw upon the Letter of Credit in an amount that is equal to all amounts that are due and owing from X but have not been paid to Y within the time allowed for such payments under the Long Haul Term Gas Supply Agreement between Nexen Marketing and Alberta Northeast Gas Limited dated _____, 2007, including, but not limited to, the Net Settlement Amount as provided therein. A drawing may be made on the Letter of Credit upon submission to the bank issuing the Letter of Credit of one or more certificates of Y in accordance with the specific requirements of the Letter of Credit.

**EXHIBIT "D" to 2007 LONG HAUL TERM GAS SUPPLY AGREEMENT
REPURCHASERS' REQUIREMENTS**

	<u>Share of DCQ Volumes</u> <u>MMBtu</u>	<u>Aliquot Share of DCQ</u> <u>%</u>
NYSEG	10,370	26.9
Con Edison (for itself and as agent for Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc.)	9,189	23.8
KeySpan New York	7,372	19.1
KeySpan Long Island	7,202	18.7
Central Hudson	4,451	11.5
<u>TOTAL</u>	38,584	100.0

EXHIBIT C

Back to Back Agreement

(redacted)

BACK TO BACK AGREEMENT
ANE/NEXEN 07 CONTRACT

This Agreement is made as of this 17th day of September, 2007, by and between Alberta Northeast Gas Limited, a Canadian corporation ("ANE"), and New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (a subsidiary of Energy East), Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc., for itself and as agent for Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc., The Brooklyn Union Gas Company (d/b/a Keyspan Energy Delivery New York), KeySpan Gas East Corporation (d/b/a Keyspan Energy Delivery Long Island), and Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation (a subsidiary of CH Energy Group, Inc.) (collectively, the "Repurchasers").

WHEREAS, the Repurchasers have authorized ANE to execute the 2007 Long Haul Term Gas Supply Agreement ("Nexen Contract") between ANE and Nexen Marketing, an Alberta partnership ("Nexen"); and

WHEREAS, the natural gas to be purchased by ANE pursuant to the Nexen Contract will be immediately resold by ANE to the Repurchasers; and

WHEREAS, the Repurchasers desire, as an inducement to Nexen to enter into the Nexen Contract, to support ANE's obligations under the Nexen Contract.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and benefits herein provided, it is hereby agreed as follows:

1. Definitions: All capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Nexen Contract.
2. Nexen DCQ: Pursuant to the Nexen Contract, ANE has contracted for the purchase of 38,584 MMBtu of natural gas per day at the Delivery Point (the "Nexen DCQ"). [redacted] is assignable to ANE and/or the Repurchasers upon the termination of the Nexen Contract. The Nexen DCQ and, when assignable, [redacted] shall be allocated among the Repurchasers as shown on Attachment 1 hereto (each such Repurchaser's share of the DCQ and [redacted] as a proportion of the total DCQ and [redacted] its "Aliquot Share"), as such Attachment 1 may be revised from time to time under the terms of this Agreement.
3. Obligations and Rights of Parties Generally: Each Repurchaser, by execution of this Agreement, acknowledges and agrees that all liabilities, obligations, rights and benefits of ANE under the Nexen Contract, whether or not specifically addressed in this Agreement, are matched by corresponding liabilities, obligations, rights and benefits under this Agreement as follows: each Repurchaser assumes responsibility for its share of all corresponding liabilities and obligations, and is entitled to its share of all corresponding rights and benefits, of ANE under the Nexen Contract, such share (its "Allocated Share") to be its Aliquot Share, provided, however, that when the respective liability, obligation, right or benefit is directly attributable to one or more individual Repurchasers due to the action or inaction of, or a *Force Majeure* affecting, any such Repurchaser, then such Repurchaser's Allocated Share shall be based upon such causation. The responsibilities, liabilities and obligations of each Repurchaser

under this Agreement are those of such Repurchaser alone and are not joint or collective obligations with or of other Repurchasers. No partnership, joint venture, association or other relationship by or among the Repurchasers is created by this Agreement. Each Repurchaser hereby indemnifies and holds harmless ANE from such Repurchaser's Allocated Share of all liabilities and obligations of ANE under the Nexen Contract. ANE shall have no obligation to the Repurchasers under this Agreement other than its obligation to make all of ANE's rights and benefits under the Nexen Contract available to the Repurchasers as provided herein.

4. Nominations; ANE's Purchase and Resale of Gas: Each Repurchaser shall submit nominations for Gas subject to the Monthly Commodity Price, Daily Commodity Price and/or Alternate Commodity Price

to ANE on the Business Day immediately prior to the Day on which ANE is required to nominate Gas for delivery by Nexen under the Nexen Contract. Upon acceptance of delivery by Nexen on any Day, ANE shall immediately resell to the Repurchasers, and each Repurchaser shall purchase from ANE, at the Delivery Point, its share of the Scheduled Contract Quantity or such lesser quantity delivered as a result of *Force Majeure* or a Seller Deficiency Default. Each "Repurchaser's Share" of the Gas delivered subject to each of the Monthly Commodity, Daily Commodity and/or Alternate Commodity Prices shall be determined on a pro rata basis in accordance with such Repurchaser's respective nominations for such Gas, provided, however, that, in the event that Gas is not taken due to the action or inaction of, or a *Force Majeure* affecting, one or more of the Repurchasers, then each Repurchaser's Share shall be determined based upon such causation.

5. Charges and Rates; Repurchasers' Payment Obligations: It is understood that, pursuant to Section 7.1 of the Nexen Contract, the Contract Price to be paid by ANE to Nexen for each MMBtu of the DCQ will consist of a Demand Charge and, for each MMBtu delivered to the Delivery Point, the Transportation Commodity Charges plus a Monthly Commodity Price, a Daily Commodity Price, or an Alternate Commodity Price, as applicable. The Repurchasers in aggregate shall pay to ANE an amount equal to the amount billed to ANE by Nexen in each month as the Contract Price, fuel charges or other amounts due under the Nexen Contract. The portion to be paid by each Repurchaser shall be the sum of:

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6. Invoices and Payments: ANE shall render a monthly invoice to each Repurchaser for all amounts due from each such Repurchaser pursuant to Section 5, promptly after ANE's receipt of its monthly invoice from Nexen. Payment by each Repurchaser of the amount due shall be made in U.S. dollars to the account specified in Attachment 2 at or before 11 a.m. Eastern Standard Time on the Payment Date. If the correct amounts are not paid by any Repurchaser when due, such Repurchaser shall pay Interest on the unpaid portion of the invoice from the date due to the date payment is made in full. If Nexen exercises its right to suspend service to an individual Repurchaser, then such Repurchaser will not have access to its Aliquot Share of the DCQ. If Nexen exercises its right to terminate the Nexen Contract with respect to an individual Repurchaser, then ANE shall be entitled to terminate this Agreement with respect to such Repurchaser and such Repurchaser shall pay to Nexen the portion of the Net Settlement Amount attributable to Nexen's exercise of its right to terminate the Nexen Contract with respect to such Repurchaser's Aliquot Share as and when due pursuant to the Nexen Contract and to ANE any outstanding amounts due to ANE under the last sentence of Section 5 of this Agreement. Each Repurchaser shall have the right in good faith to dispute the amount of any invoice or part thereof rendered to it by ANE. If the dispute involves an amount that has been billed to ANE by Nexen, such Repurchaser shall pay to ANE such amounts as it concedes to be correct and ANE shall promptly declare a dispute to Nexen. After a final determination of the amount properly due and owing by ANE to Nexen, such Repurchaser shall timely pay to ANE the amount, if any, found to be due. If the dispute does not involve an amount which has been billed by Nexen to ANE, such Repurchaser shall pay the full amount of the invoice which is, in whole or part, subject to the dispute. Any amount later determined not to be due to ANE by such Repurchaser shall be reimbursed to such Repurchaser by ANE, together with such interest as ANE is able, using commercially reasonable efforts, to recover from third parties to whom such amounts were paid.

7. Representations and Warranties; Possession, Title, and Risk of Loss; Financial Assurances: Each Repurchaser makes to ANE the representations and warranties made by ANE to Nexen pursuant to Section 3.1 of the Nexen Contract. Sections 4.3, 4.4, 6.1, 6.2 and 7.6 of the Nexen Contract are hereby incorporated in this Agreement mutatis mutandis. Should Nexen require Adequate Assurance of Performance from a Repurchaser pursuant to Section 7.6(a) of the Nexen Contract, such Adequate Assurance of Performance shall be furnished timely and directly to Nexen by

such Repurchaser in accordance with Section 7.6(a) of the Nexen Contract. If a Repurchaser does not timely furnish such Adequate Assurance of Performance and Nexen exercises its right to suspend service to such Repurchaser pursuant to Section 7.6(b) of the Nexen Contract, such Repurchaser will not have access to its Aliquot Share of the DCQ. If Nexen exercises its right to terminate the Nexen Contract with respect to an individual Repurchaser pursuant to Section 7.6(b) of the Nexen Contract, then ANE shall be entitled to terminate this Agreement with respect to such Repurchaser and such Repurchaser shall pay to Nexen the portion of the Net Settlement Amount attributable to Nexen's exercise of its right to terminate the Nexen Contract with respect to such Repurchaser as and when due pursuant to the Nexen Contract and to ANE any outstanding amounts due to ANE under the last sentence of Section 5 of this Agreement.

8. Available Excess Gas: Any Repurchaser may notify ANE that it does not wish to purchase its Aliquot Share of the DCQ for any specified period of time. ANE shall so notify each other Repurchaser and shall offer such volumes for sale to the other Repurchasers. If Repurchaser requests to purchase released volumes exceed the volumes available, the volumes available shall be allocated to the requesting Repurchasers on a pro rata basis in accordance with their Aliquot Shares.

9. Term: This Agreement shall be effective from the date of execution hereof and shall remain in full force and effect for the entire term and duration of the Nexen Contract.

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11. Assignment: Any Repurchaser may assign its rights, benefits, liabilities and obligations under this Agreement to a third party, subject to Nexen's consent, and to any other Repurchaser or any company with which such assigning Repurchaser is affiliated at the time of the assignment as long as each such assignee meets the Minimum Rating or posts Adequate Assurance of Performance or Nexen otherwise consents. ANE shall, if requested by any Repurchaser, assign to any Repurchaser its Aliquot Share of ANE's rights, benefits, liabilities and obligations under the Nexen Contract as long as each such Repurchaser meets the Minimum Rating or posts Adequate Assurance of Performance or Nexen otherwise consents. Each Repurchaser expressly agrees that the rights conferred by this Agreement on ANE may be assigned by ANE to Nexen.

12. Miscellaneous: Sections 11, 12, 13, 14.1, 14.2, 14.3, 14.4, 14.5, 14.7, 14.8, 14.9, 14.10, 14.11 and 14.13 of the Nexen Contract are hereby incorporated in this Agreement mutatis mutandis. This Agreement sets forth all understandings and agreements among the parties respecting the subject matter hereof, and all prior agreements, understandings and representations, whether written or oral, respecting the subject matter hereof are merged into and superseded by this Agreement, with the exception of the Assignment and Consent Agreement (ANE/Repurchasers/Nexen 07).

This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be deemed to be an originally executed copy, and it shall not be necessary in making proof of this Agreement to produce all of such counterparts.

13. Notices: Any notice permitted or required under this Agreement shall be in writing and delivered by facsimile or email to the persons at the addresses specified in Attachment 3 hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be duly executed in several counterparts by their proper officers duly authorized as of the first date hereinabove written.

Alberta Northeast Gas Limited

The Brooklyn Union Gas Company
(d/b/a KeySpan Energy Delivery New York) by and through its agent KeySpan Utility Services LLC

Per: Jim Carmichael
Jim Carmichael
Name Printed
President, ANE
Title

Per: _____

Name Printed

Title

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KeySpan Gas East Corporation (d/b/a KeySpan Energy Delivery Long Island) by and through its agent KeySpan Utility Services LLC

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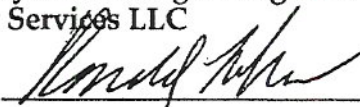
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Vice President

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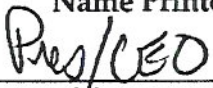
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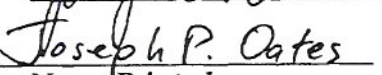
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**ATTACHMENT 1
BACK TO BACK AGREEMENT
(ANE/NEXEN 07 CONTRACT)**

REPURCHASERS' SHARES

	<u>Share of DCQ Volumes</u> <u>MMBtu</u>	<u>Aliquot Share of DCQ</u> <u>%</u>
NYSEG	10,370	26.9
Con Edison (for itself and as agent for Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc.)	9,189	23.8
KeySpan New York	7,372	19.1
KeySpan Long Island	7,202	18.7
Central Hudson	4,451	11.5
<u>TOTAL</u>	38,584	100.0

**ATTACHMENT 2
BACK TO BACK AGREEMENT
(ANE/NEXEN 07 CONTRACT)**

PAYMENT INFORMATION

PAYMENTS TO ANE:

BILLING AND ACCOUNTING MATTERS:

ANE

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**ATTACHMENT 3
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NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

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