

# ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE

## Union Gas Limited has applied to the Ontario Energy Board to expropriate interests in certain lands.

Learn more. Have your say.

Union Gas Limited is asking the Ontario Energy Board for permission to expropriate interests in certain land in the City of Hamilton for the purposes of constructing, operating and maintaining a natural gas pipeline as part of Union's Brantford-Kirkwall / Parkway D Project.

Union was granted permission to construct the new natural gas pipeline on January 30, 2014 pursuant to the Ontario Energy Board's Decision in EB-2013-0074.

Union requires permanent easements over a total of 36.18 hectares of land and temporary easements over 25.58 hectares of land for the Brantford-Kirkwall pipeline. Union has secured all of the permanent and temporary easements required for the pipeline on a voluntary basis through negotiations with the affected landowners with the exception of a permanent easement over 1.2 hectares and a temporary easement over 0.43 hectares. The easements that Union still requires are located on a single property.

Union has identified you as an owner or encumbrancer of the lands over which Union is seeking approval to expropriate an interest. A copy of the property description, survey, and aerial map showing the lands for which expropriation is sought through this application is attached to this notice.

Union's application to the OEB concerns the expropriation of certain specific lands only. It does not concern issues related to compensation.

### THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD IS HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING

The OEB will hold a public hearing to consider Union's request. During this hearing, the OEB will consider evidence and arguments by Union and by individuals, municipalities and others whose interests would be affected. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide whether to grant Union's request.

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. We make decisions that serve the public interest. Our goal is to promote a financially viable and efficient energy sector that provides you with reliable energy services at a reasonable cost.

### The Ontario Energy Board hearing will consider specific issues required by law.

The *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* specifies the issues the OEB is to consider in making its decision. If you wish to participate in the OEB hearing, it is important for you to understand what these issues are.

- The OEB will consider the public interest when making any order authorizing Union to expropriate land;
- The OEB does not have the authority to determine the amount of compensation payable; and
- If the OEB authorizes Union to expropriate and the parties do not agree upon compensation, the compensation must be determined under the *Expropriations Act* or by the Ontario Municipal Board.

### BE INFORMED AND HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information regarding this application and to be involved in the process. You can:

- review Union's application on the OEB's website now;
- file a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing;
- become an active participant (called an intervenor). Apply by **December 4, 2014** or the hearing will go ahead without you and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding;
- at the end of the process, review the OEB's decision and its reasons on our website.

Note that to be an intervenor you must be affected by the expropriation in a way that relates directly to the issues the OEB will consider.

### LEARN MORE

Our file number for this case is **EB-2014-0335**. To learn more about how to participate in this hearing, including how to file a letter with your comments or how to become an intervenor go to: [www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/noticeltc](http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/noticeltc). From that OEB web page you can find a link to a web page which has information related to this case. You can also phone our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727 or email [lawrie.gluck@ontarioenergyboard.ca](mailto:lawrie.gluck@ontarioenergyboard.ca) with any questions.

### ORAL VS. WRITTEN HEARINGS

There are two types of OEB hearings – oral and written. If you believe an oral hearing is necessary, you

must write to the OEB by **December 4, 2014 to explain why.**

**PRIVACY**

*If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the public record and the OEB website. However, your personal telephone number, home address and email address will be removed. If you are a business, all your information will remain public. If you apply to become an intervenor, all information will be public.*

*This application was filed under section 99(5) of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998 S.O. 1998, c.15, Schedule B.*



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