



EB-2015-0179

Union Gas Limited

Application for approval to expand natural gas service to certain rural and remote communities in Ontario; for certain exemptions to meet revenue recovery requirements that apply to pipeline projects and approval to construct facilities to serve the communities of Milverton, Prince Township and the Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point and Lambton Shores

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 4 November 17, 2016

Union Gas Limited (Union) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on July 23, 2015, seeking approval to provide natural gas service to certain rural and remote communities in Ontario. In its application, Union proposed certain changes to how it recovers revenues to meet the investments required, including a proposal to collect a surcharge from new customers and a proposal to collect a contribution from the municipalities of the new communities. Union also requested a change to the financial viability tests established by the OEB for natural gas distribution system expansion (E.B.O. 188) which would result in existing Union customers paying a portion of the costs to serve the new communities.

In a letter dated January 20, 2016, the OEB informed all parties that it intended to proceed with a generic hearing on its own motion as the issues raised by all the parties in Union's application were common to all gas distributors and new entrants seeking to provide gas distribution services in communities that do not have access to natural gas. The OEB also noted in that letter that Union's application would be put on hold until the completion of the generic hearing.

On November 17, 2016, the OEB issued its Decision on the Generic Proceeding. The OEB has determined that it will resume Union's application that has been put on hold.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Union is to advise the OEB of how it proposes to proceed with its application in light of the OEB's Decision on Community Expansion in EB-2016-0004.

All filings to the OEB must quote the file number, EB-2015-0179 and be made electronically in searchable / unrestricted PDF format through the OEB's web portal at <https://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/>. Two paper copies must also be filed. Filings must clearly state the sender's name, postal address and telephone number, fax number and e-mail address. Parties must use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guideline found at <http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry>. If the web portal is not available parties may email their documents to the address below. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit all filings on a CD in PDF format, along with two paper copies. Those who do not have computer access are required to file 7 paper copies.

All communications should be directed to the attention of the Board Secretary at the address below, and be received no later than 4:45 p.m. on the required date.

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DATED at Toronto, November 17, 2016

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