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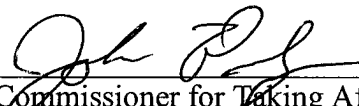
RENEWAL OF A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT BETWEEN
NATURAL RESOURCE GAS LIMITED AND THE
CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF AYLMER

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

I, Richard J. King, of the City of Toronto, Province of Ontario, **MAKE OATH AND AFFIRM:**

1. I am a partner of Ogilvy Renault LLP, counsel to Natural Resource Gas Limited and as such, have personal knowledge of the matters herein deposed.
2. In accordance with the Ontario Energy Board's Letter of Direction dated January 8, 2009, I arranged for the Notice of Application and Hearing to be published in the Aylmer Express. Attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is a copy of the Notice published in the Aylmer Express on Wednesday, January 14, 2009.

SWORN BEFORE ME at the City of
Toronto this 21st day of January,
2009.


A Commissioner for Taking Affidavits

John Beauchamp

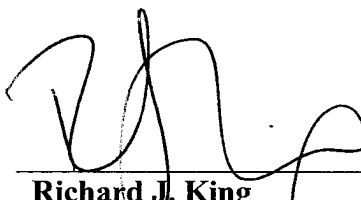
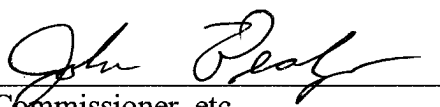

Richard J. King

Exhibit "A"

Renewal of a Franchise Agreement between Natural
Resource Gas Limited and The Corporation of The
Town of Aylmer

This is Exhibit "A" referred to in the
affidavit of Richard J. King sworn
before me this 21st day of January,
2009.


A Commissioner, etc.

John Beauchamp

New Year's greeting from Bayham

The Aylmer Express missed the Bayham New Year's message in the Dec. 31 issue.

With uncertain economic times facing us for 2009, it's reassuring to glance back on 2008 and note the advancements we've made in the areas of economic development, tourism, and health care.

On the county front, 2008 saw the launch of the new marketing and branding logo and the tag line "Progressive by Nature".

Karen Cummings, a former Bayham resident, was hired as manager of tourism and marketing and Kate Burns, former employee of Joe Preston, also joined the team.

I had the privilege of chairing the Elgin-St. Thomas Health Partnership, which saw the successful recruitment of three new family doctors in 2008.

A new ambulance station beside Terrace Lodge was completed in November 2008 to serve the East Elgin area.

County goals for 2009 include replacement of the Black Bridge, north of Stratfordville, rehabilitation of Calton Line (pending successful funding approval), completion of a county-wide official plan and working on strategic plans for enhancing our four major economic sectors: agribusiness, tourism, manufacturing and energy.

County challenges include funding more social housing and failing infrastructure as

provincial funding decreases.

On the local Bayham level, council has focused on making thoughtful, sensible plans for the future. Both our asset management program and official plan review are well underway and are scheduled for completion early in 2009.

Energy audits are being completed on three of our municipal buildings with more buildings scheduled in 2009.

A five-year strategic plan was recently completed outlining Bayham's vision, mission and goals with manageable, measurable priorities to improve efficiencies and services.

To prepare for a disaster, some council members and staff completed emergency management training.

Our international border crossing and ferry service project moved forward with the completion of a formal application for rural economic development funding so that a feasibility and impact study can be prepared.

Last year saw the birth of the Otter Valley Chamber of Commerce. A chamber-municipal liaison is planned for 2009 to better partner with our business leaders.

Bayham continues to be a preferred location for residential growth. In 2008 we issued 151 building permits (up 22 percent) with a total construction value of \$8,671,495.00 (up 34 percent).

Recognizing the importance



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of cultural tourism as a future revenue generator, Bayham continues to enhance their rich heritage and historical roots. In 2008, the new Edison Museum of Vienna design concept was completed. Fundraising efforts continue to bring us closer to its construction.

The East Elgin Family Health Team became operational in 2008 with four General Practitioners and several support staff. Bayham continues to support this initiative by providing medical services during this transition phase.

Information technology advancements took place in 2008 with full agendas becoming available online with the goal to eventually become

paperless.

Although disappointed with the province's denial of Eric Shores Windfarm's phase three expansion bid, Bayham was happy to participate in several tours during the year from interested municipalities wishing to explore the wind-power experience.

Our public works department, although saddened to bid farewell to longtime superintendent Bob Bartlett (who is enjoying a well deserved retirement), is delighted to welcome Mr. Jerry LaMay as our manager of public works.

Road projects completed during 2008 include the replacement of the Light Line culvert, resurfacing of Addison and Cowper Streets and part of Tollgate Line, tree-chipping Green Line and Ottergate Line and the installation of new sidewalks on Sandytown Road.

A major drainage project was completed in Richmond and another started near Otters Edge trailer park.

The youth of Corinth and Richmond were pleased to receive new playground equipment in their parks. The Vienna skateboard park was expanded thanks to the efforts of local citizens.

It is no secret that 2009 holds many challenges for Bayham. With a recession upon us, and many citizens losing

jobs, their ability to pay taxes is becoming impaired.

When you add to that the recent MPAC assessment increases, our ratepayers are feeling the pinch.

Council is faced with balancing some very real needs with some equally real funding shortfalls.

New strategic goals have been scheduled and council must attempt to reach them despite the lack of funding. This means finding new sources of funding.

Uncertain future aside, I still see a glass half full. We enjoy safe schools, roads and communities, quality healthcare, sufficient energy and food supplies, and opportunities for relaxation and fun.

We are creative, resilient people and we will continue to do more with less as we venture into 2009.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND NOTICE OF HEARING GAS FRANCHISE APPROVAL FOR THE TOWN OF AYLMER

Natural Resource Gas Limited (the "Applicant") has filed an application dated December 23, 2008, with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") under section 10(2) of the *Municipal Franchises Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. M55*, as amended (the "Act"). NRG is seeking to renew its franchise rights with the Town of Aylmer by way of a new 20-year franchise agreement. NRG has an existing franchise agreement with the Town of Aylmer which expires on February 27, 2009. The NRG application is based on the Model Franchise Agreement established by the Board which would grant NRG the right to construct and operate works for the distribution of gas in the Town's municipal boundaries and to supply gas to the Town's residents.

NRG indicates it has been unable to reach agreement with Town of Aylmer on the terms and conditions of the franchise renewal.

NRG is also requesting that the Board grant interim relief under section 10(4) of the Act to continue the right to operate works for the distribution of gas in accordance with the existing franchise agreement until an Order is made under section 10(2) of the Act in respect of this application. In addition NRG is requesting consideration for further and other relief as the Board may deem necessary or appropriate.

The application will be decided by a panel of the Board.

Copies of the application and pre-filed evidence will be available for public inspection at the Board's offices, the Applicant's offices, and at the office of the Corporation of the Town of Aylmer at the addresses indicated below.

The Board intends to proceed with the application by holding an oral hearing in Aylmer on Thursday, February 12, 2009, and if needed the hearing will be extended to Friday, February 13, 2009.

If you wish to participate in the hearing, you must forward your written submission indicating your interest to the applicant and the Board by Friday, January 30, 2009. Interveners or other parties wishing to obtain information from the applicant, shall file written interrogatories with the applicant and deliver same to the Board by Friday, January 30, 2009.

The applicant shall answer interrogatories from any of the parties and file same with the Board no later than Friday, February 6, 2009.

The Board Secretary will deliver copies of any interrogatories and answers to these interrogatories to all registered parties by Monday, February 9, 2009.

At the time of the hearing the Board will consider the application and the applicant's request for interim relief together with any other measures sought by the parties.

Participants in the hearing including the Town of Aylmer and Board Staff who wish to file evidence on the application must file that material with the Board by Tuesday, February 10, 2009. The Board Secretary will deliver copies of any filed evidence to all registered parties by Wednesday, February 11, 2009.

HOW TO FILE DOCUMENTS WITH THE BOARD

If you have a user ID, please submit your interrogatories or submission through the Board's web portal at www.oeo.gov.on.ca in a searchable / unrestricted PDF format. Please use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESO Document Guidelines found at www.oeo.gov.on.ca. You may also send your submission by e-mail to the following address: BoardSec@oeo.gov.on.ca. Additionally, three paper copies are required and should be sent to the address below. Those who do not have Internet access are asked to submit their interrogatories or submissions on a CD or diskette in PDF format, along with three paper copies.

In responding to this Notice, please include Board file number EB-2008-0413 in the subject line of your e-mail or at the top of your document. It is also important that you provide your name, postal address and telephone number and, if available, an e-mail address and fax number. 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.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Further information on how to participate may be obtained by visiting the Board's website at www.oeo.gov.on.ca or by calling our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727.

IF YOU DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARING BY FILING WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS INCLUDING INTERROGATORIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, THE BOARD MAY PROCEED WITHOUT YOUR PARTICIPATION AND YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO FURTHER NOTICE IN THIS PROCEEDING.

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(for viewing of copies of application)

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DATED at Toronto, January 8, 2009

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Original signed by

Kirsten Wall

Board Secretary