

EB-2009-0144

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND HEARING UNION GAS LIMITED 2009 STORAGE ENHANCEMENT

Union Gas Limited ("Union") has filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board"), dated May 12, 2009, under sections 38(1) and 40(1) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15, Schedule B (the "Act") seeking approval to increase the operating pressures in four natural gas storage pools – Bentpath East Pool, Oil City Pool and Bluewater Pool (the "Pools") – above the pressures set in the Board's original conditions of approval. The Pools are located in the City of Sarnia and Townships of Enniskillen and Dawn-Euphemia, in the County of Lambton.

In previous proceedings related to the Pools, the Board issued Orders stating that Union could not operate the Pools above a pressure gradient of 15.8 kPa/ per meter of depth (0.7 psi per foot of depth) without leave of the Board. These Orders were issued under section 38(1) of the Act related to the following applications: Bentpath East Pool (E.B.O. 206), Oil City Pool and Bluewater Pool (RP-1999-0047).

The proposed increase in the operating pressures would increase the working capacity of the Pools by 14,700 10³m³, which Union intends to use to provide storage services to customers at market-based rates.

Union proposes to increase the operating pressures of the Pools by November 1, 2009.

The Board has assigned File No. EB-2009-0144 to this Application.

A map showing the location of the designated gas storage pools subject to the Application is included as Appendix "A" in this Notice.

How to see the Applicant's Pre-filed Evidence

Copies of the applications and the pre-filed evidence in support of the application are available for public inspection at the Board's offices in Toronto and on its website, www.oeb.gov.on.ca, and at the Union office and at the office of Petroleum Resources Centre in London (addresses below).

How to Participate

You may participate in this proceeding in one of three ways:

You may send the Board a letter of comment. Your letter may include a request to make an oral presentation to the Board, and must be received by the Board no later than **30 days** from the service date of this notice.

You may request observer status in order to receive documents issued by the Board in the proceeding. Your request must be made by letter received by the Board no later than **10 days** from the service date of this notice.

Your request intervenor status if you wish to actively participate in the proceeding. Your request must be made by letter of intervention received no later than **10 days** from the service date of this notice. Your letter of intervention must include a description of how you are, or may be, affected by the proceeding; and if you represent a group, a description of the group and its membership. The Board may choose to hold either a written or an oral hearing. Your letter of intervention should indicate your preference for a written or oral hearing, and the reasons for that preference. The Board may order costs in this proceeding. You must indicate in your letter of intervention whether you expect to seek costs from the applicant and the grounds for your eligibility for costs. You must provide a copy of your letter of intervention to the applicant.

Need More Information?

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

How to Contact Us

In responding to this notice please reference Board file number EB-2009-0144. It is also important that you provide your name, postal address, telephone number and, if available, an e-mail addresses 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**.

For your convenience, the Board accepts letters of comment by either post or e-mail. Our e-mail address is Boardsec@oeb.gov.on.ca. Please include the application file reference number in the subject line of your e-mail.

If you already have a user ID, please submit your intervention request through the Board's web portal at www.errr.oeb.gov.on.ca. Additionally, two paper copies are required. If you do not have a user ID, please visit the Board's website under e-filings and fill out a user ID password request. For instructions on how to submit and naming conventions please refer to the RESS Document Guidelines found at www.oeb.gov.on.ca, e-Filing Services. The Board also accepts intervention by e-mail, at the address below, and again, two additional paper copies are required. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit their intervention request on a CD or diskette in PDF format, along with two paper copies.

Letters of intervention must be sent to the Board by regular mail to the address below. Please remember that you must send a copy of your request for intervention to the Applicant at the address listed below.

IMPORTANT

IF YOU DO NOT REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, THE BOARD MAY PROCEED IN YOUR ABSENCE AND YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY FURTHER NOTICE OF THESE PROCEEDINGS.

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DATED at Toronto, June 2, 2009

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Original signed by

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary

APPENDIX A

Map showing the location of the Pools

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