



**EB-2009-0144**

**IN THE MATTER OF** the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c.15, Schedule B and in particular Sections 38(1) and 40(1) thereof:

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an application by Union Gas Limited for an Order varying the conditions of approval in the following proceedings Bentpath East Pool (E.B.O. 206), Oil City Pool and Bluewater Pool (RP-1999-0047) relating to the allowable pressure gradient in these four natural gas storage pools in the in the City of Sarnia and Townships of Enniskillen and Dawn-Euphemia, in the County of Lambton.

### **PROCEDURAL ORDER No. 1**

Union Gas Limited ("Union" or the "Applicant") 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, as amended (the "Act") for an Order of the Board approving an increase in the operating pressures of three 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 0.7 psi per foot of depth (15.8 kPa/m) without leave of the Board.

The proposed increase in the operating pressures would increase the working capacity of the Pools by  $14,700 \times 10^3 \text{ m}^3$ , which Union intends to use to provide additional storage services to customers at market-based rates. Union proposes to increase the operating

pressures of the Pools by November 1, 2009. The Board assigned File No. EB-2009-0144 to this Application.

The Board issued a Notice of Application and Written Hearing on June 2, 2009. Union served the Notice as directed by the Board.

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. ("Enbridge") filed an Intervenor status request on June 11, 2009. The Board grants Intervenor status to Enbridge.

William and Barbara Cascaden, Tom and Kim Wilkins and the Township of Dawn Euphemia have filed correspondence with the Board and requested observer status. The Board grants these parties observer status and as such they shall receive copies of all documentation related to this proceeding.

No party requested an oral hearing. The Board has decided to proceed by way of a written hearing and considers it necessary to make provision for the procedural matters set out below. Please be aware that this procedural order may be amended and further procedural orders may be issued from time to time.

#### **THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:**

1. Board Staff and Enbridge shall file and deliver any submissions on the application by **Thursday July 23, 2009.**
2. If the Applicant wishes to file a reply submission it must be filed with the Board by **Wednesday July 29, 2009.**

All filings to the Board must quote file number EB-2009-0144, and consist of an electronic copy in searchable / unrestricted PDF format filed through the Board's web portal at [www.errr.oeb.gov.on.ca](http://www.errr.oeb.gov.on.ca), and three paper copies sent to the address below. Filings must clearly state the sender's name, postal address and telephone number, fax number and e-mail address. Please use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guideline found at [www.oeb.gov.on.ca](http://www.oeb.gov.on.ca). If the web portal is not available you may email your document to [BoardSec@oeb.gov.on.ca](mailto:BoardSec@oeb.gov.on.ca).

Those who do not have internet access are required to submit all filings on a CD or diskette in PDF format, along with three 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.

Parties must also include the Case Manager, Ms. Zora Crnojacki  
[zora.crnojacki@oeb.gov.on.ca](mailto:zora.crnojacki@oeb.gov.on.ca) and Board Counsel, Ms. Maureen Helt at  
[Maureen.helt@oeb.gov.on.ca](mailto:Maureen.helt@oeb.gov.on.ca) on all electronic correspondence related to this case.

**DATED** at Toronto July 17, 2009.

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*Original signed by*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary