

IN THE MATTER OF the *Municipal Franchises Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.55, as amended;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Union Gas Limited for an Order superseding those parts of the existing Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity E.B.C. 32 related to the former Township of Blandford and the former Township of Blenheim and cancelling the existing Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity E.B.C. 85 related to the former Township of Blenheim and the former Police Village of Plattsville and replacing them with a single Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the amalgamated Corporation of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim.

By delegation, before: Neil McKay

DECISION AND ORDER

Union Gas Limited ("Union") has filed an application dated June 2, 2010 with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") under section 8 of the *Municipal Franchises Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.55, as amended (the "Act"), for an order of the Board superseding those parts of the existing Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (the "Certificate") associated with the former Township of Blandford and the former Township of Blenheim and cancelling the existing Certificate relating to the former Township of Blenheim and the Police Village of Plattsville and replacing them with a single Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Township of Blandford-Blenheim (the "Municipality").

The Board has assigned File No. EB-2010-0211 to this application. The Board's Notice of Application and Written Hearing was published as directed by the Board. There were no intervenors.

On January 1, 1975, the former Township of Blandford and the former Township of Blenheim were amalgamated to form the Municipality. At that time, the Police Village of Plattsville was under the jurisdiction of the Council of the former Corporation of the Township of Blenheim and upon amalgamation was dissolved. Union holds a Franchise Agreement with the Township of Blandford-Blenheim (EB-2010-0210 dated July 16, 2010). Union also holds a Certificate for the former Township of Blandford and the former Township of Blenheim (E.B.C. 32, dated May 26, 1965) as well as a Certificate for the former Township of Blenheim and the former Police Village of Plattsville (E.B.C. 85 dated May 12, 1970).

The Board finds that it is in the public interest to grant the application and that public convenience and necessity requires that approval be given.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The parts of the existing Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity E.B.C. 32 associated with the former Township of Blandford and the former Township of Blenheim are superseded and replaced by the Certificate attached as Appendix A to this Decision and Order. The Certificate associated with the former Township of Blenheim and the former Police Village of Plattsville E.B.C. 85 is cancelled and replaced by the Certificate attached as Appendix A to this Decision and Order.
- 2. A Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, attached as Appendix A to this Decision and Order, is granted to Union Gas Limited to construct works to supply gas in the Township of Blandford-Blenheim.

DATED at Toronto, July 16, 2010 **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Original signed by

Neil McKay Manager, Natural Gas Applications

APPENDIX A

TO BOARD DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2010-0211

DATED: July 16, 2010 Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for

the Township of Blandford-Blenheim

Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

The Ontario Energy Board hereby grants

Union Gas Limited

approval under section 8 of the *Municipal Franchises Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.55, as amended, to construct works to supply gas to the

Township of Blandford-Blenheim

This certificate replaces the parts of Certificate E.B.C. 32 and E.B.C. 85 currently held by Union Gas Limited associated with the former Township of Blandford, the former Township of Blenheim and the former Police Village of Plattsville.

DATED at Toronto, July 16, 2010 **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

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Neil McKay Manager, Natural Gas Applications