



EB-2010-0148

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

UNION GAS LIMITED RATES FOR 2011

Union Gas Limited ("Union") filed an Application on September 15, 2010 with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") under section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. c.15, Sched. B, as amended, for an order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable rates and other charges for the sale, distribution, transmission and storage of natural gas, effective January 1, 2011. The Board's decision on this Application may have an effect on all of Union's customers.

Union's application is pursuant to the annual rate setting incentive regulation mechanism approved by the Board in the EB-2007-0606 proceeding.

Union has proposed a change to its delivery rates. If approved by the Board, the total bill impact for a typical Southern or Northern or Eastern Operations residential customer consuming 2,600 m³ per year would amount to \$1.00- \$2.00 per year.

This proceeding will not deal with the commodity cost of natural gas. Any changes to the commodity cost of natural gas for customers that purchase gas directly from Union are addressed through the Quarterly Rate Adjustment Mechanism.

Copies of the Application and the supporting written evidence are available for inspection at the Board's office and Union's office at the addresses listed below.

How to Participate

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

1. Become an Intervenor

You may ask to become an intervenor if you wish to actively participate in the proceeding. Intervenor status is eligible to receive evidence and other material submitted by participants in the hearing. Likewise, intervenors will be expected to send copies of any material they file to all parties to the hearing.

Your request for intervenor status must be made by letter of intervention and be received by the Board no later than **10 days** from the publication or service date of this notice. Your letter of intervention must include a description of how you are, or may be, affected by the outcome of this proceeding; and if you represent a group, a description of the group and its membership. 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.

Note that as an intervenor, everything you file with the Board will be placed on the public record, including your name and contact information. This means that it will be available for viewing at the Board's offices and it will be placed on the Board's website and available to anyone with internet access.

The Board may choose to hold a written or an oral hearing. The Board will not hold a written hearing if a party satisfies the Board that there is good reason for holding 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 Union and the grounds for your eligibility for costs.

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/OEB/Industry, e-Filing Services.

The Board also accepts interventions 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 in PDF format, along with two paper copies.

2. Send a Letter with your Comments to the Board

If you wish to comment on the proceeding without becoming an intervenor, you may write a letter of comment to the Board Secretary clearly stating your views. A copy of your letter of comment will be provided to the Hearing Panel.

A complete copy of your letter of comment will also be provided to the applicant (which means it will include your name, contact information, and everything written in the letter).

All letters of comment will become part of the public record in the proceeding. This means that it will be available for viewing at the Board's offices and it will be placed on the Board's website and available to anyone with internet access.

Before placing the letter of comment on the public record, the Board will sever from the letter of comment any contact information for the individual writing the letter. This includes the address, fax number, phone number, and e-mail address of the individual. However, the name of the individual and anything written in the letter of comment will become part of the public record.

All other parties to the proceeding will receive the reacted version of the letter of comment.

Your letter of comment must be received by the Board no later than **30 days** from the publication or service date of this notice. The Board accepts letters of comment by either post or e-mail at the addresses below.

3. Become an Observer

Observers do not actively participate in the proceeding but monitor the progress of the proceeding by receiving documents issued by the Board. You may request observer

status in order to receive documents issued by the Board in this proceeding. There is no fee for observers to receive documents issued by the Board.

If as an observer you wish to receive documents with respect to the proceeding issued by the applicant and other parties to the proceeding, you may request these documents directly from the individual parties. However, you may be required to pay the provider of the information for the preparation and delivery of these documents to you.

Most documents filed in this application will also be available on the Board's website.

All letters for observer status will become part of the public record in the proceeding. This means that it will be available for viewing at the Board's offices and it will be placed on the Board's website and available to anyone with internet access.

Before placing the request for observer status on the public record, the Board will sever from the request any contact information for the individual making the request. This includes the address, fax number, phone number, and e-mail address of the individual. However, the name of the individual and anything written in the request for observer status will become part of the public record.

Your request for observer status must be made in writing and be received by the Board no later than **10 days** from the publication or service date of this notice. The Board accepts observer request letters by either post or e-mail at the addresses below.

How to Contact Us

In responding to this notice please reference Board file number EB-2010-0148. **It is also important that you provide your name and postal address and, if available, an e-mail address.** 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 Web site at www.oeb.gov.on.ca or by calling our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727.

IMPORTANT

IF YOU DO NOT FILE A LETTER STATING YOUR WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING, THE BOARD MAY PROCEED WITHOUT YOUR PARTICIPATION AND YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO FURTHER NOTICE OF THE PROCEEDING.

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Original signed by

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