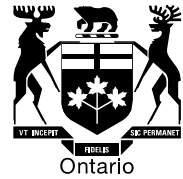


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Attention: Ms. Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Walli:

Union Gas Limited
Application for a Franchise Agreement and Certificate
with the Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores
Board File Numbers: EB-2011-0263 and EB-2011-0264

Please find attached the Board Staff Submission in the above proceeding. Please forward the following to Union Gas Limited, the City of Temiskaming Shores and to all other registered parties to this proceeding.

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

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Introduction

Union Gas Limited (“Union” or the “Applicant”) has filed an application dated July 11, 2011 with the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) under section 9 of the *Municipal Franchises Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.55, as amended (the “Act”), for an order of the Board approving the terms and conditions upon which and the period for which the Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores (the “Corporation”) is, by by-law, to grant to the Applicant the right to construct and operate works for the distribution of gas and the right to extend and add to the works in the City of Temiskaming Shores (the “Municipality”). The Applicant has also applied for an order of the Board declaring and directing that the assent of the municipal electors to the by-law is not necessary. The Board has assigned file number EB-2011-0263 to the franchise renewal application.

The Applicant has a franchise agreement with the former Town of New Liskeard which would have expired on December 17, 2021, the former Town of Haileybury which would have expired on December 18, 2021, and with the former Township of Dymond which would have expired on April 7, 2012.

The Applicant also holds Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity (the “Certificates”) for the geographical area of the Corporation: E.B.C. 31, for the former Town of New Liskeard, F.B.C. 27 and E.B.C. 9, for the former Town of Haileybury, and E.B.C. 10, for the former Township of Dymond. The Town of New Liskeard, the Town of Haileybury, and the Township of Dymond were amalgamated on January 1, 2004 and the Municipality was renamed the City of Temiskaming Shores.

The Applicant has applied, pursuant to section 8 of the Act, for an order of the Board cancelling each existing Certificate associated with the former Town of New Liskeard, the former Town of Haileybury, and the former Township of Dymond and replacing them with a Certificate for the geographic boundaries of the City of Temiskaming Shores. The Board has assigned file number EB-2011-0264 to the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity application.

Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity

Union requested that the Board cancel the existing Certificates associated with the former Town of New Liskeard (E.B.C. 31), the former Town of Haileybury (F.B.C. 27 and E.B.C. 9) and the former Township of Dymond (E.B.C. 10).

Board staff notes that none of the existing Certificates were filed as part of the application. Board staff requests that Union confirm that the above cited Certificates are to be cancelled in their entirety.

Board staff has no other concerns with the application.

All of which is respectfully submitted.