



EB-2008-0036

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 seeking interim renewal of its franchise rights in the Municipality of Halton Hills

By delegation, before: Neil McKay

INTERIM ORDER

Union Gas Limited ("Union") filed a letter dated February 5, 2008 with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") under section 10(4) of the *Municipal Franchises Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.55 (the "Act") requesting an Order for an extension to its existing Franchise Agreement with the Town of Halton Hills (the "Municipality").

Union advised that the Franchise Agreement for the Town of Halton Hills expired on February 6, 2008. Union also advised that it is working with the Municipality with regards to associated terms and conditions of a proposed new Franchise Agreement and that it intends to file a section 9 application with the Board upon receipt of the By-law and form of the Franchise Agreement from the Municipality.

In order to ensure franchise coverage for the Town of Halton Hills, Union has requested an extension to the existing Franchise Agreement until Union's proposed application can be processed.

The Board finds that, based on the information provided by Union, granting of an Interim Order extending Union's Franchise Agreement with the Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills is in the public interest.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The right of Union Gas Limited to construct and operate works and to extend and add to the works for the distribution of gas in the Town of Halton Hills is continued on the terms and conditions set out in the existing Franchise Agreement until August 8, 2008 or until a renewal of the Franchise Agreement is granted under the *Municipal Franchises Act*, whichever comes first.

DATED at Toronto, February 11, 2008

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Neil McKay

Manager, Facilities Applications