



EB-2011-0242

EB-2011-0283

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND HEARING

ENBRIDGE GAS DISTRIBUTION INC. and UNION GAS LIMITED

RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS PROGRAM APPLICATION

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. ("Enbridge") and Union Gas Limited ("Union Gas" or combined "the companies") have each filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board"), dated September 30, 2011 seeking an order or orders approving or fixing rates for the sale of natural gas by Enbridge and Union Gas that include the cost consequences of the purchase of biomethane. The applications have been filed under section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*.

Biomethane is processed from biogas and landfill gas. Biogas and landfill gas result from the decomposition of organic material in an oxygen-free environment, either as a result of a controlled process within an anaerobic digester or as a result of a natural process in a landfill site.

The Board has assigned file number EB-2011-0242 to the Enbridge application and file number EB-2011-0283 to the Union Gas application.

Both Enbridge and Union Gas propose to acquire biomethane as part of their respective supply portfolios for customers who purchase natural gas from the companies. The companies propose to limit the volume of biomethane and the length of time over which it will be purchased. The companies have requested approval of a pricing framework approving the purchase of biomethane from Ontario producers at specified prices and for a 20-year term. If accepted, the companies' proposal would result in an increase of approximately \$1.50 per month to the average residential customer's bill, based on current natural gas rates.

How to see Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.'s and Union Gas Limited's Applications

Copies of the applications are available for inspection at the Board's office in Toronto and on its website, www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry , and at both Enbridge's and Union Gas' offices and on their websites.

Hearing

Pursuant to its powers under section 21(5) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, the Board will combine these hearings. The Board has determined that it will hold an oral hearing for these applications.

How to Participate

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

1. Become an Intervenor

Intervenors participate actively in the proceeding (i.e., submit written questions, evidence, and arguments, and cross-examine witnesses at an oral hearing).

A 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. A letter of intervention must include: (a) a description of how you are, or may be, affected by the outcome of this proceeding; (b) if you represent a group, a description of the group and its membership; and (c) whether you intend to seek an award of costs and the grounds for your cost award eligibility.

You must provide a copy of your letter of intervention to the applicant.

Everything an intervenor files with the Board, including the intervenor's name and contact information, will be placed on the public record, which means that all filings will be available for viewing at the Board's offices and will be placed on the Board's website.

If you already have a user ID, please submit your intervention request through the Board's web portal at www.errr.ontarioenergyboard.ca. Additionally, two paper copies must be submitted to the address set out below.

If you do not have a user ID, visit the Board's website under e-Filing Services and complete a user ID/password request form. For instructions on how to submit documents and naming conventions please refer to the RESS Document Guidelines found at www.ontarioenergyboard.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 submit a letter of comment to the Board Secretary.

All letters of comment sent to the Board will be placed on the public record, which means that the letters will be available for viewing at the Board's offices and will be placed on the Board's website.

Before placing the letter of comment on the public record, the Board will remove any personal (i.e., not business) contact information from the letter of comment (i.e., the address, fax number, phone number, and e-mail address of the individual). However, the name of the individual and the content of the letter of comment will become part of the public record.

A complete copy of your letter of comment, including your name, contact information, and the content of the letter, will be provided to the applicant and the Hearing Panel.

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 participate actively in the proceeding but receive documents issued by the Board in the proceeding. There is no fee for observers to receive documents issued by the Board.

A 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.

All letters requesting observer status will become part of the public record, which means that the letters will be available for viewing at the Board's offices and will be placed on the Board's website.

Before placing the request for observer status on the public record, the Board will remove any personal (i.e., not business) contact information from the request (i.e., the address, fax number, phone number, and e-mail address of the individual). However, the name of the individual and the content of the request for observer status will become part of the public record.

Observers may also request documents filed by the applicant and other parties to the proceeding but must request these documents directly from the relevant party. Observers may be required to pay for the costs of reproducing and delivering the material.

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

How to Contact Us

In responding to this Notice, please reference Board file number EB-2011-0242 (Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.), EB-2011-0283 (Union Gas Limited) or both in the subject line of your e-mail or at the top of your letter. It is also important that you provide your name, postal address and telephone number and, if available, an e-mail address and fax number. 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 website www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry or by calling our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727.

IMPORTANT

IF YOU DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARING BY FILING WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, THE BOARD MAY PROCEED WITHOUT YOUR PARTICIPATION AND YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO FURTHER NOTICE IN THIS PROCEEDING.

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