



EB-2012-0073

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND WRITTEN HEARING

GAS FRANCHISE APPROVAL FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAYHAM

Union Gas Limited (the "Applicant") filed an application dated February 23, 2012 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 Municipality of Bayham (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 Municipality of Bayham (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-2012-0073 to the franchise renewal application (the "Application").

The Applicant has a franchise agreement with the Municipality of Bayham which expired on February 6, 2012.

The Applicant also holds a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the geographical area of the Corporation permitting it to distribute, store and transmit gas in the Municipality (E.B.C. 255).

The Application will be decided by the Manager, Natural Gas Applications, who has been delegated this authority pursuant to section 6 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule B). The Manager, Natural Gas Applications does not intend to provide for an award of costs when deciding the Application.

Copies of the Application and pre-filed evidence will be available for public inspection at the Board's offices, the Applicant's offices, and at the office of the Corporation at the addresses indicated below.

The Board intends to proceed with the Application by way of a written hearing unless a party satisfies the Board that there is a good reason for not holding a written hearing. If you object to the Board holding a written hearing in this matter, you must provide written reasons why an oral hearing is necessary. Any submissions objecting to a written hearing must be received by the Board within **7 days** of the publication date of this Notice.

If you wish to participate in the written hearing, you may make a written submission that is received by the Board no later than **14 days** after the publication date of this Notice, with a copy to the Applicant, at the addresses below. If the Applicant wishes to respond to the written submissions, such response must be received by the Board no later than **21 days** after the publication date of this Notice. All submissions must be received by the Board Secretary by **4:45 p.m.** on the required dates.

Before placing a written submission on the public record, the Board will remove any personal (i.e., not business) contact information from the document (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 submission will become part of the public record.

All filings to the Board must quote file number **EB-2012-0073** and consist of two paper copies as well as one electronic copy in searchable / unrestricted PDF format filed through the Board's web portal at www.errr.ontarioenergyboard.ca. Filings must clearly state the sender's name, postal address and telephone number and, if available, a fax number and e-mail address. Please use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guideline found on the "e-Filing Services" webpage of the Board's website at www.ontarioenergyboard.ca. If the web portal is not available, you may e-mail your document to Boardsec@ontarioenergyboard.ca. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit all filings on a CD in PDF format, along with two paper copies. Those who cannot provide an electronic version of their filing are required to file 7 paper copies.

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DATED at Toronto, March 5, 2012

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Original signed by

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