



EB-2008-0058

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION
AND
NOTICE OF WRITTEN HEARING**

**FRANCHISE APPROVAL FOR
THE COUNTY OF PERTH**

Union Gas Limited (the “Applicant”) has filed an application dated March 7, 2008 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 County of Perth (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 County of Perth (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 Applicant is presently serving the County of Perth. The Applicant has a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity with the County of Perth (E.B.C. 29). The Applicant also has a franchise agreement with the County of Perth (E.B.A. 643) which will expire on April, 8, 2008.

The proposed franchise agreement covers the same territory as that covered by the existing franchise agreement. The Board has assigned file No. EB-2008-0058.

The application will be decided by the Manager, Facilities 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, Facilities Applications does not intend to provide for an award of costs when deciding this 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 must forward three copies of your written submissions to the Assistant Secretary of the Board and one copy to the applicant at the addresses below. All submissions must be received no later than **14 days** after the publication date of this Notice. 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 quote Board File No. EB-2008-0058, clearly state the sender's name and address, and be received by the Board Secretary by 4:45 p.m. on the required dates.

IF YOU DO NOT FILE A WRITTEN SUBMISSION OBJECTING TO A WRITTEN HEARING OR 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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DATED at Toronto, March 24, 2008
ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary