



EB-2012-0072

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 Natural Resources Gas Limited for an order approving the terms and conditions upon which, and the period for which, the Corporation of the Town of Aylmer is, by by-law, to grant to Natural Resources Gas Limited the right to construct and operate works for the distribution, transmission and storage of natural gas and the right to extend and add to the works in the Town of Aylmer;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Natural Resources Gas Limited for an order directing and declaring that the assent of the municipal electors of the Town of Aylmer to the by-law is not necessary.

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1
May 1, 2012

On February 22, 2012, Natural Resources Gas Limited ("NRG") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board under the *Municipal Franchises Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. M55 as amended (the "Act"). The application is for an order of the Board renewing NRG's right to operate works and add to works for the distribution of gas in the Town of Aylmer for a period of 20 years. The Board has assigned file number EB-2012-0072 to the application.

NRG holds a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to operate works and add to works for the distribution of gas in the geographical area comprising the Town of Aylmer (E.B.C. 111).

On March 29, 2012 the Board issued a Notice of Application. NRG served and published the Notice of Application as directed by the Board. The Town of Aylmer and Integrated Grain Processor's Cooperative requested intervenor status and the Board will grant those requests. Neither party requested eligibility for cost awards. A complete list of parties is attached in the Appendix A to this Procedural Order.

The NRG prefiled evidence indicates that there have been ongoing negotiations between NRG and the Town of Aylmer related to the Franchise Agreement that is the subject of this application. Most franchise applications before the Board are supported by the host municipality, and the Board will allow time to accommodate further negotiations between NRG and intervenors in the hope that an agreement can be reached. If an agreement cannot be reached the Board will schedule further procedural steps, including a scoping exercise to determine whether each of the issues parties may wish to raise fall within the scope of an application under the *Municipal Franchises Act*.

The Board considers it necessary to make provision for the following procedural matters. The Board may issue further procedural orders from time to time.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. NRG shall report to the Board, and copy to all intervenors, on the progress of its settlement discussions with intervenors to this proceeding by **Friday, May 11, 2012**.

All filings to the Board must quote file numbers **EB-2012-0072**, be made through the Board's web portal at www.errr.ontarioenergyboard.ca, and consist of two paper copies and one electronic copy in searchable / unrestricted PDF format. Filings must clearly state the sender's name, postal address and telephone number, fax number and e-mail address.

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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.

DATED at Toronto, May 1, 2012

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

APPENDIX A

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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May 2, 2012