



EB-2012-0226  
EB-2012-0227

## **NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS**

### **LEAVE TO CONSTRUCT A NATURAL GAS PIPELINE IN GORHAM TOWNSHIP AND THE CITY OF THUNDER BAY, BOTH IN THE DISTRICT OF THUNDER BAY**

### **CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR GORHAM TOWNSHIP IN THE DISTRICT OF THUNDER BAY**

### **UNION GAS LIMITED**

Union Gas Limited (the "Applicant" or "Union") filed two applications with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on April 30, 2012 requesting, 1) a leave to construct a natural gas pipeline and ancillary facilities and, 2) a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") for Gorham Township. The applications were filed together.

#### **Leave to Construct**

The Leave to Construct application filed pursuant to section 90 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, Schedule B is for an order granting leave to construct approximately 19 kilometres of nominal pipe size ("NPS") 16 (16 inch diameter) steel pipeline and 13.0 kilometres of NPS 12 (12 inch diameter) steel pipeline from TransCanada Pipeline's ("TCPL") valve site in Gorham Township ("Gorham") to the Ontario Power Generation ("OPG") generating station on Mission Island in the City of Thunder Bay. The Board has assigned this leave to construct application file number EB-2012-0226.

The 19 kilometer section of NPS 16 pipeline is proposed to replace two existing sections of pipeline: (i) the NPS 8 pipeline between TCPL's Thunder Bay tap and Onion Lake station; and (ii) the NPS 10 Thunder Bay Lateral pipeline between Onion Lake

station and Belrose station. The NPS 12 pipeline is a new section running for approximately 13 kilometers from Belrose station in a southerly and easterly direction to a proposed customer metering station on the OPG property connecting to the Thunder Bay generating station.

Union is proposing to commence construction of the pipeline in May 2013. The planned in-service date is November 2013.

A map showing the location of the proposed pipeline route is attached as Appendix "A".

### **Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity**

Union also applied for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct works to supply gas to the inhabitants of Gorham as a portion of the proposed pipeline is within Gorham. Gorham is an unincorporated township, and is not a municipal corporation incorporated under the laws of the Province of Ontario. This would be the first such certificate for Gorham. The Board has assigned file number EB-2012-0227 to the CPCN application.

These applications will proceed by way of a written or oral hearing, to be subsequently determined.

### **How to Participate**

You may participate in this proceeding by requesting either intervenor or observer status, or by submitting a letter of comment:

1. **Intervenors** participate actively in the proceeding (i.e., submit written questions, evidence, and arguments, and cross-examine witnesses at an oral hearing). You may request intervenor status by sending a letter of intervention to the Board and copying Union no later than **10 days** from the publication or service date of this notice. The 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.
2. **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.) You may request observer status by sending a request to the Board no later than **10 days** from the publication or service date of this notice.
  3. **Letters of Comment** are to be sent to the Board no later than **30 days** from the publication or service date of this notice. All letters of comment will be placed on the public record, subject to the privacy terms for personal information stated below. This means that the letters will be available for viewing at the Board's offices and will be placed on the Board's website.
  4. **Affected Landowners** will automatically be given copies of the Application and other relevant documents issued by the Board in this proceeding. If you are an affected landowner, you may choose to participate in this proceeding as an intervenor, as an observer, or by providing a letter of comment and your personal information will be treated accordingly.

**YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION IS TREATED DIFFERENTLY DEPENDING ON HOW YOU CHOOSE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARING:**

- **Intervenors** - everything you file with the Board, including your name and contact information, will be placed on the public record (i.e., the public file and the Board's website).
- **Letters of comment or observers** - the Board removes any personal (i.e., not business) contact information from the letter of comment or the request for observer status (i.e., address, fax number, phone number, and e-mail address of the individual), however, your name and the content of the letter of comment or of the request for observer status will become part of the public record.

**Filing Information for Intervenor**

If you already have a user ID, please submit your intervention request through the Board's web portal at <https://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 <http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry>, e-Filing Services.

The Board also accepts interventions by e-mail, at the address below. Additionally, two paper copies must be submitted to the address set out below. 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.

**Need more information?**

For more information on how to participate please go to the Board's website at <http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry/Regulatory+Proceedings/Hearing> or call the Board at 1-888-632-6273 (toll free).

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**IMPORTANT**

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

**DATED** at Toronto, June 5, 2012

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original signed by*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary

**APPENDIX "A" TO**  
**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**  
**BOARD FILE NO.: EB-2012-0226/0227**  
**DATED June 5, 2012**

# Union Gas Limited Proposed Pipeline To OPG Generating Station, Thunder Bay

