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NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND NOTICE OF WRITTEN HEARING

FRANCHISE APPROVAL AND CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF ALNWICK/HALDIMAND

Union Gas Limited (the "Applicant") has filed an application dated April 15, 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 Township of Alnwick/Haldimand (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 Township of Alnwick/Haldimand (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. In addition, the Applicant has applied for an order of the Board cancelling the existing Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the former Township of Haldimand (F.B.C. 209) and replacing it with a single expanded Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to include the former Township of Alnwick, for the amalgamated Corporation of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand.

The Applicant is presently serving the part of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand that was the former Township of Haldimand. The Applicant has a franchise agreement with the former Township of Haldimand (E.B.A. 288) which expires on May 17, 2008.

The proposed franchise agreement covers the same territory as that covered by the existing franchise agreement with the former Township of Haldimand and includes the former Township of Alnwick.

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 Numbers EB-2008-0087 and EB-2008-0088, 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.

ADDRESSES

(for viewing of copies of application)

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DATED at Toronto, April 30, 2008 ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

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