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# NOTICE OF APPLICATION GAS FRANCHISE AGREEMENT AND CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRE HASTINGS

#### **UNION GAS LIMITED**

On May 21, 2013, Union Gas Limited ("Union Gas") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") under the *Municipal Franchises Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. M55, for an order renewing Union's right to operate works and add to works for the distribution of gas in the Municipality of Centre Hastings for a period of 20 years and for an order declaring and directing that the assent of the municipal electors is not necessary.

Union Gas also applied for an order canceling the existing certificates of public convenience and necessity for certain geographical areas now incorporated within the Municipality of Centre Hastings and replacing them with a single certificate of public convenience and necessity for the amalgamated Municipality of Centre Hastings. The application has been assigned Board file numbers EB-2013-0216 (regarding the request for franchise agreement approval) and EB-2013-0217 (regarding the request for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity).

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.

#### How to see the Application

To see a copy of the application, go to the Consumer page of the Board's website and enter the case number EB-2013-0216 and/or EB-2013-0217 in the "Find an Application"

box. A copy can also be seen at the Board's office and at Union's office at the address below.

# **How to Participate**

### Comment

If you wish to give your opinion on the proceeding you are invited to send a written letter of comment to the Board no later than **30 days** after the publication or service date of this notice. A complete copy of your letter of comment, including your name, contact information, and the content of the letter, will be provided to the applicant and the Board. All letters of comment will be placed on the public record, which means that the letters can be seen at the Board's offices and will be available on the Board's website. Before placing the letter of comment on the public record, the Board will remove any personal (i.e., not business) contact information from the letter of comment (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 letter of comment will become part of the public record. Please address your letter of comment to the Board Secretary at the address below, and reference file numbers **EB-2013-0216 and EB-2013-0217** at the top of your letter.

# Observe

If you do not wish to actively participate in the proceeding but you do wish to receive documents issued by the Board, you may request observer status. Your written request must be received by the Board no later than **10 days** from the publication or service date of this notice. All letters requesting observer status will become part of the public record, which means that the letters can be seen at the Board's offices and will be placed on the Board's website. Before placing the request for observer status on the public record, the Board will remove any personal (i.e., not business) contact information from the request (i.e., the address, fax number, phone number, and e-mail address of an individual). However, the name of the individual and the content of the request for observer status will become part of the public record.

#### Intervene

If you wish to actively participate in the proceeding (e.g. submit questions, file argument), you may request intervenor status from the Board, no later than **10 days** after the publication or service date of this notice. Instructions for requesting intervenor status are available on the Board's website at <a href="https://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/participate">www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/participate</a>.

Everything an intervenor files with the Board, including the intervenor's name and contact information, will be placed on the public record, which can be seen at the Board's offices and on the Board's website.

If you do not have internet access, please call 1-888-632-2727 to receive information about this proceeding and how to participate.

# <u>IMPORTANT</u>

IF YOU DO NOT PARTICIPATE 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.

# <u>Addresses</u>

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District Manager, Eastern District

Tel: 613-634-4560 Fax: 613-634-4543 **DATED** at Toronto, May 30, 2013

# **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary