

EB-2012-0475

NOTICE OF APPLICATION GAS FRANCHISE AGREEMENTFOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH-WEST OXFORD

On December 17, 2013, 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 Township of South-West Oxford for a period of 20 years. The Board has assigned file number EB-2012-0475 to the application.

The application will be decided by an employee of the Board who has been delegated this authority pursuant to section 6 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*. The delegated employee does not intend to provide for an award of costs when deciding the application.

How to see NRG's Application

To see a copy of the application, go to the Consumer page of the Board's website and enter the case number **EB-2012-0475** in the "Find an Application" box. A copy can also be seen at the Board's office and at NRG's office at the addresses indicated below.

Written Hearing

The Board intends to proceed with this matter 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 a written hearing, you must provide written reasons why you believe an oral hearing is necessary. Any submissions objecting to a written hearing must be received by the Board and copied to NRG within **10 days** of the publication or service date of this notice.

How to Participate

Comment

If you wish to give your opinion on the proceeding to the Board's delegated employee hearing the application, 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 delegated employee.

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.

Personal Information in Letters of Comment and Observer Requests

All letters of comment or letters requesting observer status 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 letters on the public record, the Board will remove any personal (i.e. not business) contact information from the letters (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 will become part of the public record. Please address your letter to the Board Secretary at the address below, and reference file number **EB-2012-0475** at the top of your letter.

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 www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/participate. 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 FILE 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.

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