

January 28, 2014

Ms. Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: Natural Resource Gas Franchise Agreement - Township of Southwest Oxford Board File No. EB-2012-0475

Union Gas Limited has become aware that Natural Resource Gas ("NRG") has submitted an application to the Ontario Energy Board seeking approval of a proposed franchise agreement with the Township of Southwest Oxford.

In its application, NRG indicates that it has an existing franchise agreement with the Township of Southwest Oxford and that it has a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity granting it the right to construct works to supply gas in Township of Southwest Oxford.

To ensure that the record is clear and complete, the Board should note that Union also has a franchise agreement in place with the Township of Southwest Oxford (expiring April 11, 2033 per EB-2013-0020). Union also has a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Township of Southwest Oxford (EB-2013-0021 issued April 11, 2013, attached) granting Union the right to construct works to supply natural gas within the Township of Southwest Oxford except for those areas covered by the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity E.B.C. 111 and 119 held by NRG.

With respect to the Township of Southwest Oxford, NRG's Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity E.B.C. 111 and 119, issued May 5, 1982, only pertains to specific areas within the former Township of Dereham which now forms part of the Township of Southwest Oxford.

Union also notes that the proposed franchise agreement filed as part of NRG's application is already dated to be effective August 15, 2013. While the Township's Bylaw 58-2013 was given 3rd and final reading on November 5, 2013, it is Union's understanding that the franchise agreement will not become effective until the date of the Board's decision on the application.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

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Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

The Ontario Energy Board hereby grants

Union Gas Limited

approval under section 8 of the *Municipal Franchises Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.55, as amended, to construct works to supply gas in the geographic boundaries of the

Township of South-West Oxford

This certificate replaces the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity associated with the former Village of Beachville (E.B.C. 17), and supersedes those parts of the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity F.B.C. 259 related to the former Township of West Oxford and the former Township of Dereham and replaces them with a single Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the amalgamated Corporation of the Township of South-West Oxford except for those areas covered by the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity E.B.C. 111 and 119 held by Natural Resource Gas Limited.

DATED at Toronto, April 11, 2013

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Kirsten Walli Board Secretary