

March 11, 2014

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

Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: The Corporation of the District Municipality of Muskoka  
Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity**

Attached is an Application by Union Gas Limited for an Order of the Board with respect to a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the District Municipality of Muskoka.

Upon review of our files, it does not appear that Union has a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the District Municipality of Muskoka to align with the franchise agreement in place with this municipality.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to receipt of your instructions.

Yours truly,

*[Original signed by]*

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Attach.

## **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

**IN THE MATTER OF** the *Municipal Franchises Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter M.55; and in particular Section 8 thereof;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an Application by Union Gas Limited for an Order to issue a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct works to supply natural gas in the District Municipality of Muskoka.

### **APPLICATION OF UNION GAS LIMITED**

1. Union Gas Limited ("Union"), a regulated public utility, is a corporation incorporated under the laws of the Province of Ontario, with its head office at the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, in the Province of Ontario.
2. The District Municipality of Muskoka is a Regional Municipality located in Central Ontario which extends from Georgian Bay in the west, to the northern tip of Lake Couchiching in the south, and to the western border of Algonquin Provincial Park in the east. Attached hereto and marked as Schedule "A" is a map showing the location of the Municipality.
3. There are six municipalities within the District Municipality of Muskoka: the Town of Bracebridge, the Town of Gravenhurst, the Town of Huntsville, the Township of Georgian Bay, the Township of Lake of Bays, and the Township of Muskoka Lakes.
4. The Northern Ontario Natural Gas Company (which was later incorporated under the Northern and Central Gas Corporation Limited and then as part of the current Union Gas) began distributing natural gas within the Town of Bracebridge and the Town of Huntsville in 1958, and within the Town of Gravenhurst in 1956.
5. The Northern Ontario Natural Gas Company began distributing natural gas within the Township of Muskoka in 1959. The north part of the Township of Muskoka became a ward of the Town of Bracebridge and the south part of the Township of Muskoka became a ward of the Town of Gravenhurst on January 1, 1971.
6. The District Municipality of Muskoka was established by Provincial Legislation and commenced operation effective January 1, 1971.
7. Union currently holds franchise agreements and Certificates of Public Convenience with the Town of Bracebridge (RP-2002-0165, FBC 305, FBC 306, FBC 307), the Town of Gravenhurst (RP-2002-0164, FBC 89), and the Town of Huntsville (RP-2002-0161, FBC 170, FBC 255). Union does not have Franchise Agreements with or Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Township of Georgian Bay, the Township of Lake of Bays and the Township of Muskoka Lakes.

8. Union is currently serving approximately 7,000 customers within the District Municipality of Muskoka. Union also serves customers in the Township of Severn, the Township of Perry, the Township of Ramara, the Township of McMurrich/Monteith and the Township of Seguin, which are immediately adjacent to the District Municipality of Muskoka. There are no other natural gas distribution utilities nearby.
9. Union currently holds a franchise agreement with the District Municipality of Muskoka (RP-2001-0067) which expires on May 6, 2023. Union has held franchise agreements with the District Municipality of Muskoka since 1982.
10. Upon review of our files, it does not appear that Union has a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the current District Municipality of Muskoka.
11. Union now applies to the Ontario Energy Board for an Order to issue a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct works to supply natural gas within the District Municipality of Muskoka. This would continue Union's efforts to align Certificates with current franchise agreements.
12. Union requests that this Application be dealt with by way of a written hearing in accordance with Section 34 of the Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure.
13. The Municipality affected by this Application is:

The District Municipality of Muskoka  
 70 Pine Street  
 Bracebridge, ON P1L 1N3  
 Attention: James Green, Chief Administrative Officer

DATED at the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, in the Province of Ontario this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014.

UNION GAS LIMITED

*[Original signed by]*

Per: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Patrick McMahon  
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Comments respecting this Application should be directed to:

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