



EB-2013-0414

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act*,
1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B);

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Access
Gas Services (Ontario) Inc. for a gas marketer
licence.

By delegation, before: Theodore Antonopoulos

DECISION AND ORDER

April 24, 2014

Access Gas Services (Ontario) Inc. ("Access Gas") filed a complete application on December 31, 2013 with the Ontario Energy Board under section 50 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the "Act") for renewal of its gas marketer licence. The Board assigned the application file number EB-2013-0414.

The Board issued a Notice of Application and Written Hearing on January 27, 2014. Board staff filed written interrogatories on February 20, 2014. Access Gas responded to Board staff interrogatories on March 4, 2014. Board staff filed a submission on March 20, 2014. Access Gas did not file a reply submission.

In gas marketer licence renewal applications, key areas for consideration by the Board include the financial position, technical capability and the conduct of the applicant.

In its submission, Board staff submitted that Access Gas' responses to the interrogatories reasonably addressed Board staff's concerns. Board staff submitted that Access Gas can reasonably be expected to be financially responsible in the conduct of its business. With respect to the applicant's technical capability and conduct, Board staff noted that all key individuals identified in the application have extensive experience

in the energy sector, and that the applicant provided a detailed description of the policies, processes and procedures in place or to be put in place to ensure compliance.

Based on the evidence and submission on the record, I agree with Board staff and find that it is in the public interest to grant Access Gas a gas marketer licence under Part IV of the Act.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The application for a gas marketer licence is granted, on such conditions as are contained in the attached licence.

DATED at Toronto, April 24, 2014

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Theodore Antonopoulos
Manager, Electricity Rates & Accounting



Gas Marketer Licence

GM-2013-0414

Access Gas Services (Ontario) Inc.

Valid Until

April 23, 2019

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1 Definitions

In this Licence:

"**Act**" means the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, Schedule B;

"**ECPA**" means the *Energy Consumer Protection Act, 2010*, S.O. 2010, c. 8;

"**low-volume consumer**" means a person who annually uses less than 50,000 cubic meters of gas;

"**Licensee**" means Access Gas Services (Ontario) Inc.;

"**Regulation**" means regulations made under the Act or the ECPA.

2 Interpretation

- 2.1 In this Licence, words and phrases shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Act or the ECPA. Words or phrases importing the singular shall include the plural and vice versa. Headings are for convenience only and shall not affect the interpretation of this Licence. Any reference to a document or a provision of a document includes an amendment or supplement to, or a replacement of, that document or that provision of that document. In the computation of time under this Licence, where there is a reference to a number of days between two events, they shall be counted by excluding the day on which the first event happens and including the day on which the second event happens. Where the time for doing an act expires on a holiday, the act may be done on the next day that is not a holiday.

3 Authorization

- 3.1 The Licensee is authorized, under Part IV of the Act, and subject to the terms and conditions set out in this Licence:
- a) to sell or offer to sell gas to a low-volume consumer;
 - b) to act as the agent or broker for seller of gas to a low-volume consumer; and
 - c) to act or offer to act as the agent or broker of a low-volume consumer in the purchase of gas.
- 3.2 The Licensee is authorized to conduct business in the name under which this Licence is issued, or any trade name(s) listed in Schedule 1.

4 Obligation to Comply with Legislation and Regulations

- 4.1 The Licensee shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Act, the ECPA and the Regulations except where the Licensee has been exempted from such compliance by regulation.

5 Obligation to Comply with Codes

- 5.1 The Licensee shall at all times comply with all applicable provisions of the Code of Conduct for Gas Marketers, as issued and amended by the Board from time to time under Part III of the Act.
- 5.2 This Licensee shall:
- a) make a copy of the Code available for inspection by members of the public at its head office and regional offices during normal business hours; and
 - b) provide a copy of the Code to any person who requests it. The Licensee may impose a fair and reasonable charge for the cost of providing copies.

6 Agent for Service

- 6.1 If the Licensee does not have an office or other place of business in Ontario, the Licensee shall ensure the continuing appointment at all times of an individual who is a resident of Ontario and is at least 18 years old, or a corporation that has its head office or registered office in Ontario, as the Licensee's agent for service in Ontario on whom service of process, notices or other documentation may be made.

7 Provision of Information to the Board

- 7.1 The Licensee shall maintain records of and provide, in the manner and form determined by the Board, such information as the Board may require from time to time.
- 7.2 Without limiting the generality of paragraph 7.1, the Licensee shall notify the Board of any material change in circumstances that adversely affects or is likely to adversely affect the business, operations or assets of the Licensee as soon as practicable, but in any event no more than twenty (20) days past the date upon which such change occurs.

8 Customer Complaint and Dispute Resolution

- 8.1 The Licensee shall participate in a consumer complaints resolution process selected by the Board.

9 Term of Licence

- 9.1 This Licence shall take effect on April 24, 2014 and expire on April 23, 2019. The term of this Licence may be extended by the Board.

10 Fees and Assessments

- 10.1 The Licensee shall pay all fees charged and amounts assessed by the Board.

11 Communication

- 11.1 The Licensee shall designate a person that will act as a primary contact with the Board on matters related to this Licence. The Licensee shall notify the Board promptly should the contact details change.

- 11.2 All official communication relating to this Licence shall be in writing.
- 11.3 All written communication is to be regarded as having been given by the sender and received by the addressee:
- a) when delivered in person to the addressee by hand, by registered mail, or by courier;
 - b) ten (10) business days after the date of posting, if the communication is sent by regular mail; or
 - c) when received by facsimile transmission by the addressee, according to the sender's transmission report.

12 Copies of the Licence

- 12.1 The Licensee shall:
- a) make a copy of this Licence available for inspection by members of the public at its head office and regional offices during normal business hours; and
 - b) provide a copy of this Licence to any person who requests it. The Licensee may impose a fair and reasonable charge for the cost of providing copies.

SCHEDULE 1 AUTHORIZED TRADE NAMES

None

SCHEDULE 2 SPECIAL CONDITIONS