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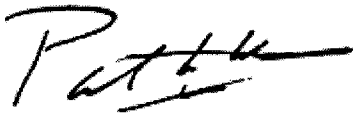
Dear Ms. Walli:

**EB-2012-0446 – Franchise Renewal Application – Natural Resource Gas Limited
and the Municipality of Central Elgin (Central Elgin)**

Please find enclosed an Application by Natural Resource Gas Limited (NRG) for an Order of the Board with respect to a proposed Franchise Agreement between NRG and Central Elgin.

NRG will provide a copy of this Application to Central Elgin and will await further directions from the Board regarding this process. Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours very truly,



Patrick G. Welsh
Associate
PW:

Enclosures (5)

c: Don Leitch, *Central Elgin*
Richard King, *Osler*
Laurie O'Meara, *NRG*

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF the *Municipal Franchises Act*, R.S.O. 1990,
c. M.55, as amended;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Natural Resource
Gas Limited for an Order approving the Municipality of Central
Elgin's By-Law No. 1652;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Natural Resource
Gas Limited for an Order approving the terms and conditions upon
which, and the period for which, the Municipality of Central Elgin is,
by by-law, to grant to Natural Resource Gas Limited the right to
construct and operate works for the distribution, transmission and
storage of natural gas and the right to extend and add to the works in
the Municipality of Central Elgin;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Natural Resource
Gas Limited for an Order directing and declaring that the assent of
the municipal electors of the Municipality of Central Elgin to the by-
law is not necessary.

**APPLICATION OF
NATURAL RESOURCE GAS LIMITED**

April 28, 2014

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Counsel for Natural Resource Gas Limited

1. Natural Resource Gas Limited (“NRG”), is an Ontario corporation and carries on the business of, among other things, owning and operating natural gas distribution facilities in the Municipality of Central Elgin (the “Municipality”).

2. The Municipality is a municipal corporation incorporated under the laws of Ontario. A map showing the location of the Municipality is attached as Schedule “A”. The Municipality’s address and contact information is:

Municipality of Central Elgin
450 Sunset Drive
St. Thomas, ON N5R 5V1
Attention: Donald Leitch, CAO/Clerk
dleitch@centralelgin.org
Tel: 519-631-4860 ext. 276
Fax: 519-631-4036

3. The contact information for NRG is:

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Toronto, ON M5X 1B8
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4. NRG has two franchise agreements in the Municipality:

(a) The first is with the former Village of Belmont (“Belmont”), dated July 14, 1982, which granted NRG the right to construct and operate works for the distribution of gas within the Belmont’s municipal boundaries and to supply gas to Belmont’s

residents (the “Existing Franchise Agreement”). NRG’s franchise rights under the Existing Franchise Agreement expired on July 14, 2012.

- (b) NRG’s second franchise agreement is with the former Township of Yarmouth (“Yarmouth”), which does not expire until August 12, 2016.

5. NRG has two Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity applicable to the Municipality:

- (a) A Certificate of Public of Public Convenience and Necessity granting it the right to construct works to supply gas and to supply gas in Belmont (E.B.C. 111 and 119, issued May 5, 1982)(Schedule “B”)
- (b) A Certificate of Public of Public Convenience and Necessity granting it the right to construct works to supply gas and to supply gas in Yarmouth (E.B.C. 242, issued September 6, 1996)(Schedule “C”).

6. Belmont, Yarmouth and the former Village of Port Stanley were amalgamated in 1998 to create the Municipality.

7. NRG approached the Municipality to negotiate a Franchise Agreement that would replace:

- (a) The Existing Franchise Agreement with Belmont; and,
- (b) The franchise agreement with Yarmouth.

8. This proposed replacement Franchise Agreement with the Municipality is for a 20-year term based exclusively on the Board's 2000 Model Franchise Agreement, a copy of which is attached as Schedule "D" (the "Proposed Franchise Agreement").

9. On November 16, 2012, counsel for NRG requested an interim extension of the Existing Franchise Agreement. On November 22, 2012, the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") granted NRG an interim order extending NRG's right to operate in the Municipality of Central Elgin pursuant to section 10(4) of the *Municipal Franchises Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.55 (the "Act") until such time as the Board makes a final determination on NRG's franchise renewal application regarding the Municipality.

10. NRG and the Municipality entered into and executed a franchise agreement in the same form as the Proposed Franchise Agreement, effective August 15, 2013 (Schedule "E").

11. On October 15, 2013, the Council of the Municipality passed By-Law 1652 (the "By-Law") authorizing the Municipality's Mayor and Clerk to enter into and execute the Proposed Franchise Agreement (Schedule "F").

12. The Municipality did not seek the Board's approval pursuant to section 9(1) of the Act prior to (i) entering into and executing the Proposed Franchise Agreement; and (ii) passing the By-Law. However, NRG submits that the Board should nonetheless approve the By-Law for the following reasons:

- (a) **The terms, conditions and duration of the Proposed Franchise Agreement are neither novel nor controversial:** the Proposed Franchise Agreement is based exclusively on the Board's 2000 Model Franchise Agreement, including the

Board's recommended 20-year term. As such, the requirement in section 9(1) of the Act that the "terms and conditions upon which and the period for which such [franchise] right is to be granted, renewed or extended [first be] approved by the Ontario Energy Board" has effectively been satisfied.

- (b) **The terms and conditions of the By-Law are uncontroversial:** the By-Law authorizes the Mayor and CAO to enter into the Proposed Franchise Agreement. There is nothing controversial or untoward in the By-Law.
- (c) **The Board can dispense with the requirement for municipal electors' assent:** the prohibition contained in section 9(1) of the Act is that a by-law cannot be submitted to the municipal electors for their assent prior to Board approval. However, section 9(4) allows the Board to dispense with municipal electors' assent. As such, any impediment caused by section 9(1) of the Act (i.e. the prohibition against submitting a by-law to the municipal electors for their assent prior to Board approval) is eliminated if the Board declares and directs that the assent of the electors is not necessary.
- (d) **Clear intent should trump minor flaw in process:** the Board should be reluctant to defeat the clear intent of the Municipality of Central Elgin, which is to enter into and execute the Proposed Franchise Agreement with NRG. It would be a waste of the Municipality's, the Board's, and NRG's time to require the Municipality to repeal the By-Law as-is, submit a draft by-law for Board approval, and then pass the exact same by-law a second time.

- (e) **The Board has broad statutory discretion and should attempt to find the most just, expeditious, and efficient result:** the Board has broad discretion under section 9(2) of the Act, and may “exercise jurisdiction and power necessary for the purposes of this section and may give or refuse its approval.” Approving the By-Law is consistent with the broad discretion conferred by section 9(2) of the Act, and is consistent with the principle of liberal construction (enshrined in Rule 2.01 of the Board’s *Rules of Practice and Procedure*) aimed at securing “the most just, expeditious, and efficient determination on the merits of every proceeding before the Board.”

13. The Board, in EB-2012-0475, accepted a similar application where there was a departure by a municipality from the Board’s normal process for renewing a franchise agreement. In its Decision and Order dated March 27, 2014, the Board accepted an Application for Franchise Renewal for the Township of South-West Oxford (the “Township”) where the Township passed a by-law authorizing the renewal of a franchise agreement and granting franchise rights prior to obtaining Board approval. The Board concluded that it was in the public interest to grant the Application for the same reasons described in paragraph 12.

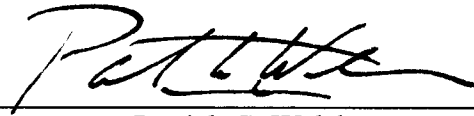
14. If the Board grants the relief requested in section 12 below, NRG and the Municipality will execute (and date) a new franchise agreement in the same form as that attached as Schedule “D” (i.e., the Proposed Franchise Agreement).

15. NRG now applies to the Board for:

- (a) An Order under section 9(2) of the Act approving the By-Law and permitting the Municipality and NRG to enter into and execute the Proposed Franchise Agreement;
- (b) An Order under section 9(3) of the Act approving the terms and conditions, and the period for which, the Municipality is, by by-law, to grant NRG the right to construct and operate works for the distribution, transmission and storage of natural gas and the right to extend and add to the works; and,
- (c) An Order pursuant to section 9(4) directing and declaring that the assent of the municipal electors of the Municipality is not necessary for the By-Law under the circumstances.

ALL OF WHICH IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.

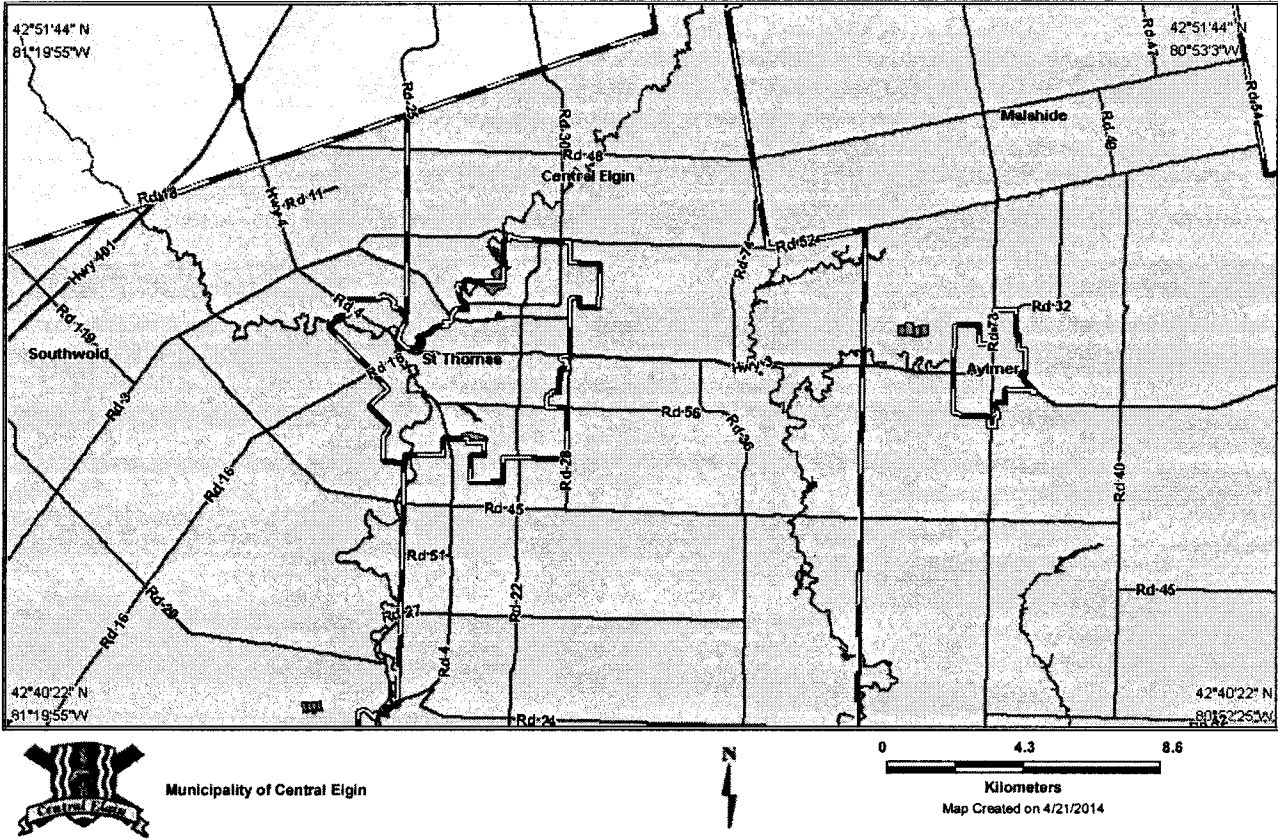
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Patrick G. Welsh

Tab A

Map of Central Elgin



Tab B



IN THE MATTER OF the Municipal
Franchises Act, R.S.O. 1980, c. 309;

AND IN THE MATTER OF applications by
Natural Resources Gas Limited for
certificates of public convenience
and necessity to construct works to
supply and to supply gas in the
Townships of Southwest Oxford, North
Dorchester, South Dorchester,
Westminster, Norfolk and Bayham, the
Villages of Belmont, Port Burwell,
Springfield and Vienna and the Town
of Aylmer.

BEFORE:	R. H. Clendining	)	
	Chairman and	)	
	Presiding Member	)	
		)	
	H. R. Chatterson	)	October 15, 1981
	Member	)	
		)	
	R. R. Perdue	)	
	Member	)	

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE
AND NECESSITY

UPON the applications of Natural Resource Gas
Limited ("NRG") for certificates of public convenience
and necessity to construct works to supply gas in the
municipalities referred to above;

AND UPON the applications having been heard in
Toronto on September 9, 1981, in the presence of counsel
for NRG, for Union Gas Limited and for the Board, no one
else appearing, and Reasons for Decision having been
delivered on October 15, 1981:

IT IS ORDERED THAT a certificate of public convenience and necessity be and the same is hereby granted to NRG to construct works to supply and to supply gas in:

1. the Village of Belmont
2. the Township of South Dorchester
3. the Village of Port Burwell
4. the Town of Aylmer
5. the Village of Springfield
6. the Village of Vienna
7. those areas of the Townships of Southwest Oxford, North Dorchester, Westminster, Norfolk and Bayham set out in Appendix "A" to this Order.

ISSUED at Toronto this 5th day of May, 1982.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD



Imelda Walker
Assistant Board Secretary

E.B.C. 111 and 119 dated May 5th,
1982.

Imelda Walker
Imelda Walker
Assistant Board Secretary

TOWNSHIP OF WESTMINSTER

ALL AND SINGULAR those certain parcels or tracts of
land and premises situate, lying and being in the
Township of Westminster, in the Country of
Middlesex, and being composed of the following:

1. The whole of Lots 3, 4, 5 and 6 in Concession 8.
2. The whole of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, in
Concession 7.
3. The whole of Lots 1, 2 and 3 in each of
Concessions 3, 4, 5 and 6.
4. The south halves of Lots 4, 5 and 6, in
Concession 6.
5. Those parts of Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 in Concession 2
lying south of Highway 401.
6. That part of the east half of Lot 5 in
Concession 2 lying south of Highway 401.
7. Those customers on the west side of Highway 74 to a
depth of 200 feet from the said Highway, from the
dividing line between the north and south halves of
Lot 1 in Concession 1 to Highway 401 lying in Lot 1
in Concession 2.

8. The north half of Lot 1 in Concession 1.
9. The whole of Lot 1 in the Broken Front Concession.

TOWNSHIP OF NORTH DORCHESTER

ALL AND SINGULAR those certain parcels or tracts of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Township of North Dorchester, in the County of Middlesex, and being composed of the following:

1. The whole of Lot 24 in Concession A.
2. The north half of Lot 24, in Concession B.
3. Those customers along the east side of Highway 74 to a depth of 200 feet from the said Highway, from the dividing line between the north and south halves of Lot 24, in Concession B to Highway 401 lying in Lot 24, in Concession 1.
4. Those parts of Lots 21, 22, 23 and 24, in Concession 1 lying south of Highway 401.
5. The whole of Lots 21, 22, 23 and 24 in each of Concessions 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.
6. The west half of the southerly quarter of Lot 20 in Concession 5.
7. The whole of Lot 20, in Concession 6, save and except the northeasterly quarter thereof.

8. The south halves of Lots 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19, in Concession 6.
9. The whole of Lots 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 in each of Concessions 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.
10. Those parts of Lots 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 in Concession 1 lying South of Highway 401.
11. The south halves of Lots B, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, in Concession 6.
12. The whole of Lot A in each of Concessions 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.
13. That part of Lot A, in Concession 1 lying south of Highway 401.

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHWEST OXFORD

ALL AND SINGULAR those certain parcels or tracts of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Township of Southwest Oxford in the County of Oxford, formerly in the Township of Dereham in the County of Oxford, and being composed of the following:

1. The whole of Lots 15 to 23, both inclusive, in Concession 1.
2. The whole of Lot 24, in Concession 1, save and except that part of the said Lot lying north of Highway 401.

3. The whole of Lots 15 to 28, both inclusive, in each of Concessions 2 to 12, both inclusive.
4. The southerly quarter of Lot 14, in Concession 10.
5. The southerly quarter of Lot 14, in Concession 11.

TOWNSHIP OF BAYHAM

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Township of Bayham, in the County of Elgin, and being composed of the whole of the said Township of Bayham, saving and excepting therefrom the following:

1. The whole of Lots 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21, in Concession 11.
2. The whole of Lots 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25, in Concession 10.
3. The whole of Lots 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28, in Concession 9.
4. The southerly 200 feet of Lots 17, 18 and 19, in Concession 9.
5. The northerly 200 feet of Lots 17, 18 and 19 in Concession 8.
6. The north half of Lot 20, in Concession 8.

7. Those parts of Lots 21, 22, 23 and 24, in Concession 8 lying north of the road which runs in a generally easterly and westerly direction through such Lots and commonly known as Ridge Road. However, the property of Mr. John Siemens Jr., R.R.1, Eden, Ontario (part of Lot 23, Concession 8) is to continue to be served by Natural Resource Gas Limited.
8. The whole of Lots 26, 27 and 28, in Concession 8.

TOWNSHIP OF NORFOLK

ALL AND SINGULAR those certain parcels or tracts of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Township of Norfolk, in the Regional Municipality of Haldimand-Norfolk (formerly in the Township of Houghton, in the County of Norfolk) and being composed of all of the lands and premises situate, lying and being in the lands formerly known as the Township of Houghton, save and except the following:

1. The whole of Gore Lot A.
2. The north half of Gore Lot B.

(FORMERLY MIDDLETON)

ALL AND SINGULAR those certain parcels or tracts of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Township of

Norfolk, in the Regional Municipality of Haldimand-Norfolk, formerly in the Township of Middleton, in the County of Norfolk, and being composed of the following:

1. The south quarters of Lots 1 and 2, in Concession 1, North of Talbot Road.
2. The whole of Lots 1 and 2, in each of Concessions 1 and 2, South of Talbot Road.

(FORMERLY NORTH WALSINGHAM)

ALL AND SINGULAR those certain parcels of tracts of land and premises situate, lying and being in Township of Norfolk, in the Regional Municipality of Haldimand-Norfolk, formerly in the Township of North Walsingham in the County of Norfolk, and being composed of the following:

1. The whole of Lot 1 in each of Concessions 11, 12, 13 and 14.
2. The whole of Lot 1 in Concession 10, save and except all of the southerly 200 feet of the said Lot except the westerly 200 feet of the said southerly 200 feet.
3. The whole of Lot 1 in Concession 9, save and except all of the northerly 200 feet of the said lot except the westerly 200 feet of the said northerly 200 feet.

4. The whole of Lots 1 in each of Concessions 7 and 8.
5. The south halves of each of Lots 2, 3, 4 and 5 in Concession 7.

(FORMERLY SOUTH WALSINGHAM)

ALL AND SINGULAR those certain parcels or tracts of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Township of Norfolk, in the Regional Municipality of Haldimand-Norfolk, formerly in the Township of South Walsingham, in the County of Norfolk, and being composed of the following:

1. The whole of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, in each of Concessions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.
2. The whole of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, in each of Ranges A and B.
3. The whole of Marsh Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.
4. The whole of Gore Lot E, in Concession 3.
5. The whole of Gore Lot D in Concession 2.
6. The whole of Gore Lot C in Concession 1.
7. The whole of Gore Lot B, in Range A.
8. The whole of Gore Lot A, in Range B.
9. The whole of Marsh Lot in front of Gore Lot A, Range B.

Tab C



IN THE MATTER OF the Municipal Franchises Act,
R.S.O.1990, c. M.55;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Natural
Resource Gas Limited for a Certificate of Public
Convenience and Necessity to construct works to supply
gas and to supply gas to the inhabitants of the Township
of Yarmouth.

BEFORE: P.W. Hardie
Presiding Member

C. Elwell
Member

ORDER

Natural Resource Gas Limited ("NRG") filed with the Ontario Energy Board ("the Board") an Application dated December 8, 1995 ("the Application") under section 8 of the Municipal Franchises Act, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct works to supply gas and to supply gas to the Township Yarmouth.

The Board's Notice of Application, dated January 4, 1996, was served upon the Clerk of the Corporation of Township of Yarmouth. The Board issued a Notice of Hearing on May 6, 1996.

The Application was heard in Toronto on May 10, 1996 in the presence of counsel for NRG and counsel for Board Staff. The Board issued a decision on June 3, 1996 finding the Application to be in the public interest.

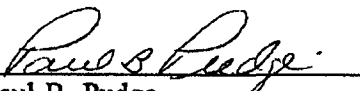
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THEREFORE THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

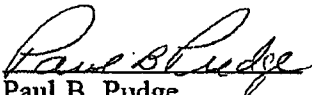
1. a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity is granted to NRG to construct works to supply gas and to supply gas in the Township of Yarmouth in the areas specified in Appendix "A" to this Order;
2. if NRG should fail to substantially complete construction of the gas mains proposed in the Application within twenty-four months following the issuance of the Board's Certificate, the Certificate shall expire;
3. NRG shall file with the Board, before commencing construction, confirmation that the Catfish Creek Conservation Authority has no environmental concerns; and
4. the Board's costs shall be paid by NRG forthwith upon the issuance of the Board's invoice.

ISSUED at Toronto, September 6, 1996

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD


Paul B. Pudge
Board Secretary

Appendix "A" to Board
Order E.B.C. 242 dated
September 6, 1996


Paul B. Pudge
Board Secretary

- (i) All those parts of Lots 27 and 28 in Concession 3 lying north-east of Catfish Creek which runs in a north-westerly direction through such lots.
- (ii) All those parts of Lots 25, 26, 27 and 28 Concession 4 lying east of Catfish Creek which runs in a general northerly direction through such lots.
- (iii) All those parts of Lots 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28 Concession 5 lying east of Catfish Creek which runs in a general northerly direction through such lots.
- (iv) All those parts of Lots 25, 26, 27 and 28 Concession 6 lying east of Catfish Creek which runs in a general northerly direction through such lots.
- (v) All those parts of Lots 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28 Concession 7 lying east of Catfish Creek which runs in a general northerly direction through such lots.
- (vi) All those parts of Lots 69, 70, 71, 72 and 73 Concession 8 lying east of the east branch of Catfish Creek which runs in a general north-easterly direction through such lots.
- (vii) All of Lots 27 and 28 Concession 9.
- (viii) All of Lots 23 and 24 in Range I South of Edgeware Road, in Range I North of Edgeware Road, in Range II North of Edgeware Road and in Concession 10.
- (ix) All of Lot 17 in Concessions 14 and 15.

Tab D

FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT effective this _____ day of _____, 20__.

BETWEEN:

CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL ELGIN
hereinafter called the “**Corporation**”

- and -

NATURAL RESOURCE GAS LIMITED
hereinafter called the “**Gas Company**”

WHEREAS the Gas Company desires to distribute, store and transmit gas in the Municipality upon the terms and conditions of this Agreement;

AND WHEREAS by by-law passed by the Council of the Corporation (the “By-law”), the duly authorized officers have been authorized and directed to execute this Agreement on behalf of the Corporation;

THEREFORE the Corporation and the Gas Company agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1 – DEFINITIONS

1.1 In this Agreement:

- (a) “**decommissioned**” and “**decommissions**” when used in connection with parts of the gas system, mean any parts of the gas system taken out of active use and purged in accordance with the applicable CSA standards and in no way affects the use of the term ‘abandoned’ pipeline for the purposes of the *Assessment Act*;
- (b) “**Engineer/Road Superintendent**” means the most senior individual employed by the Corporation with responsibilities for highways within the Municipality or the person designated by such senior employee or such other person as may from time to time be designated by the Council of the Corporation;
- (c) “**gas**” means natural gas, manufactured gas, synthetic natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas or propane-air gas, or a mixture of any of them, but does not include a liquefied petroleum gas that is distributed by means other than a pipeline;

- (d) **“gas system”** means such mains, plants, pipes, conduits, services, valves, regulators, curb boxes, stations, drips or such other equipment as the Gas Company may require or deem desirable for the distribution, storage and transmission of gas in or through the Municipality;
- (e) **“highway”** means all common and public highways and shall include any bridge, viaduct or structure forming part of a highway, and any public square, road allowance or walkway and shall include not only the travelled portion of such highway, but also ditches, driveways, sidewalks, and sodded areas forming part of the road allowance now or at any time during the term hereof under the jurisdiction of the Corporation;
- (f) **“Model Franchise Agreement”** means the form of agreement which the Ontario Energy Board uses as a standard when considering applications under the *Municipal Franchises Act*. The Model Franchise Agreement may be changed from time to time by the Ontario Energy Board;
- (g) **“Municipality”** means the territorial limits of the Corporation on the date when this Agreement takes effect, and any territory which may thereafter be brought within the jurisdiction of the Corporation;
- (h) **“Plan”** means the plan described in Paragraph 3.1 of this Agreement required to be filed by the Gas Company with the Engineer/Road Superintendent prior to commencement of work on the gas system; and
- (i) whenever the singular, masculine or feminine is used in this Agreement, it shall be considered as if the plural, feminine or masculine has been used where the context of the Agreement so requires.

ARTICLE 2 - RIGHTS GRANTED

2.1 To provide gas service:

The consent of the Corporation is hereby given and granted to the Gas Company to distribute, store and transmit gas in and through the Municipality to the Corporation and to the inhabitants of the Municipality.

2.2 To Use Highways.

Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement the consent of the Corporation is hereby given and granted to the Gas Company to enter upon all highways now or at any time hereafter under the jurisdiction of the Corporation and to lay, construct, maintain, replace, remove, operate and repair a gas system for the distribution, storage and transmission of gas in and through the Municipality.

2.3 Duration of Agreement and Renewal Procedures.

- (a) The rights hereby given and granted shall be for a term of 20 years from the date of final passing of the By-law provided that, if during the 20-year term this Agreement, the Model Franchise Agreement is changed, then on the 7th

anniversary and on the 14th anniversary of the date of the passing of the By-law, this Agreement shall be deemed to be amended to incorporate any changes in the Model Franchise Agreement in effect on such anniversary dates. Such deemed amendments shall not apply to alter the 20-year term.

- (b) At any time within two years prior to the expiration of this Agreement, either party may give notice to the other that it desires to enter into negotiations for a renewed franchise upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon. Until such renewal has been settled, the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall continue, notwithstanding the expiration of this Agreement. This shall not preclude either party from applying to the Ontario Energy Board for a renewal of the Agreement pursuant to section 10 of the *Municipal Franchises Act*.

ARTICLE 3 – CONDITIONS

3.1 Approval of Construction

- (a) The Gas Company shall not undertake any excavation, opening or work which will disturb or interfere with the surface of the travelled portion of any highway unless a permit therefor has first been obtained from the Engineer/Road Superintendent and all work done by the Gas Company shall be to his satisfaction.
- (b) Prior to the commencement of work on the gas system, or any extensions or changes to it (except service laterals which do not interfere with municipal works in the highway), the Gas Company shall file with the Engineer/Road Superintendent a Plan, satisfactory to the Engineer/Road Superintendent, drawn to scale and of sufficient detail considering the complexity of the specific locations involved, showing the highways in which it proposes to lay its gas system and the particular parts thereof it proposes to occupy.
- (c) The Plan filed by the Gas Company shall include geodetic information for a particular location:
 - (i) where circumstances are complex, in order to facilitate known projects, including projects which are reasonably anticipated by the Engineer/Road Superintendent, or
 - (ii) when requested, where the Corporation has geodetic information for its own services and all others at the same location.
- (d) The Engineer/Road Superintendent may require sections of the gas system to be laid at greater depth than required by the latest CSA standard for gas pipeline systems to facilitate known projects or to correct known highway deficiencies.
- (e) Prior to the commencement of work on the gas system, the Engineer/Road Superintendent must approve the location of the work as shown on the Plan filed

by the Gas Company, the timing of the work and any terms and conditions relating to the installation of the work.

- (f) In addition to the requirements of this Agreement, if the Gas Company proposes to affix any part of the gas system to a bridge, viaduct or other structure, if the Engineer/Road Superintendent approves this proposal, he may require the Gas Company to comply with special conditions or to enter into a separate agreement as a condition of the approval of this part of the construction of the gas system.
- (g) Where the gas system may affect a municipal drain, the Gas Company shall also file a copy of the Plan with the Corporation's Drainage Superintendent for purposes of the *Drainage Act*, or such other person designated by the Corporation as responsible for the drain.
- (h) The Gas Company shall not deviate from the approved location for any part of the gas system unless the prior approval of the Engineer/Road Superintendent to do so is received.
- (i) The Engineer/Road Superintendent's approval, where required throughout this Paragraph, shall not be unreasonably withheld.
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**THE CORPORATION OF THE
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By: _____

By: _____

**NATURAL RESOURCE GAS
LIMITED**

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FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT effective this 15th day of August, 2013.

BETWEEN:

CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL ELGIN
hereinafter called the "**Corporation**"

-and-

NATURAL RESOURCE GAS LIMITED
hereinafter called the "**Gas Company**"

WHEREAS the Gas Company desires to distribute, store and transmit gas in the Municipality upon the terms and conditions of this Agreement;

AND WHEREAS by by-law passed by the Council of the Corporation (the "**By-law**"), the duly authorized officers have been authorized and directed to execute this Agreement on behalf of the Corporation;

THEREFORE the Corporation and the Gas Company agree as follows:

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1.1 In this Agreement:

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- (d) **"gas system"** means such mains, plants, pipes, conduits, services, valves, regulators, curb boxes, stations, drips or such other equipment as the Gas Company may require or deem desirable for the distribution, storage and transmission of gas in or through the Municipality;
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The consent of the Corporation is hereby given and granted to the Gas Company to distribute, store and transmit gas in and through the Municipality to the Corporation and to the inhabitants of the Municipality.

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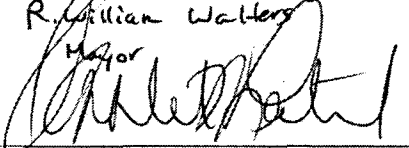
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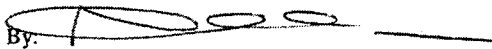
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**THE CORPORATION OF THE
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By: 
R. William Walters
Mayor

By: 
Donald N. Leitch CAO/Clerk

NATURAL RESOURCE GAS LIMITED

By: 
Anthony Graat, President

Tab F

The Corporation of the Municipality of



Central Elgin

BY-LAW 1652

**Being a By-law to Authorize the Mayor and the Clerk
to Execute a Franchise Agreement
with Natural Resource Gas Limited (NRG)**

**NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE
MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL ELGIN ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Mayor and the Clerk are hereby authorized, on behalf of The Corporation of the Municipality of Central Elgin to enter into and execute under its corporate seal a franchise agreement with Natural Resource Gas Limited (NRG)
2. A copy of the said Agreement shall remain attached to and form part of this By-law.

READ a FIRST and a SECOND TIME this 15th day of October, 2013.

READ a THIRD TIME and FINALLY PASSED this 15th day of October, 2013.

**READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 15th DAY
OF OCTOBER 2013.**

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CAO/Clerk

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