



EB-2014-0016

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 Direct Energy Marketing Limited for a Gas Marketer Licence.

By delegation, before: Jennifer Lea

INTERIM DECISION AND ORDER

May 8, 2014

Direct Energy Marketing Limited ("Direct Energy") filed an application on January 16, 2014, under section 50 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* to renew its gas marketer licence GM-2009-0058. The Board assigned the application file number EB-2014-0016.

The licence that is a subject of this renewal application was issued to the applicant on May 15, 2009 and remains in force until May 14, 2014. The current license will expire prior to final determination of the renewal application. The licence provides that the term may be extended by the Board. On April 9, 2014, Direct Energy filed a letter requesting an extension to the term of the licence, pending the final determination of its renewal application. The applicant is currently marketing natural gas to low-volume consumers in Ontario.

Considering the time required to process an application in accordance with the Board's established practice and procedures, and considering the applicant's need for a licence to continue its gas marketing activities, I find that it is in the public interest to make an order extending the term of licence GM-2009-0058 until such time as the renewal application is determined or July 30, 2014, whichever is earlier.

The applicant is reminded that it carries the onus of filing an application on a timely basis given the requirements of notice, and the Board's typical timelines of processing

licence applications. The applicant is also reminded that this decision does not constitute a final decision on the application.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

The term of Direct Energy Marketing Limited licence GM-2009-0058 is extended until the licence renewal application is determined on a final basis or July 30, 2014, whichever is earlier.

DATED at Toronto, May 8, 2014

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

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