



EB-2006-0032

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND HEARING GAS FRANCHISE APPROVAL FOR THE CITY OF OTTAWA

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. (the "Applicant") filed an application dated December 20, 2005 with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") under Section 10(1) of the *Municipal Franchises Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.55 (the "Act") for an order renewing or extending the term of the right of the Applicant to operate works for the distribution of gas in the City of Ottawa (the "Municipality"). The Applicant also made a request under Section 10(4) of the Act, for an order extending the Applicant's previously approved franchise rights in the Municipality. The Board has assigned File No. EB-2006-0032 to the application.

Effective January 1, 2000, a number of former municipalities were combined to form the Municipality. The Applicant and the Municipality are party to a Board approved franchise agreement granting the Applicant the right to construct and operate works and to extend and add to the works for the distribution of gas in the Municipality. By an Interim Order dated January 27, 2006, the Board approved an extension of the Applicant's existing franchise agreement until the Board disposes of this application, or June 24, 2006, whichever is earlier.

The Board will now proceed with the application under Section 10 (1) of the Act. Copies of the application are available for inspection at the Board's office, the Applicant's offices, and at the office of the Municipality, at the addresses indicated below.

Participation

You may participate in this proceeding in one of three ways:

1. You may send the Board a letter of comment. Your letter should include any request to make an oral presentation to the Board, and must be received by the Board no later than 30 days from the publication date of this notice.

2. You may request observer status in order to receive documents issued by the Board in the proceeding. Your request must be made by letter received by the Board no later than 10 days from the publication date of this notice.
3. You may request intervenor status if you wish to actively participate in the proceeding. Your request must be made by letter of intervention received no later than 10 days from the publication date of this notice. Your letter of intervention must include a description of how you are, or may be, affected by the proceeding; and if you represent a group, a description of the group and its membership. The Board may choose to hold either a written or an oral hearing. The Board will not hold a written hearing if a party satisfies the Board that there is good reason for holding an oral hearing. Your letter of intervention should indicate your preference for a written or oral hearing, and the reasons for that preference. The Board may order costs in this proceeding. You must indicate in your letter of intervention whether you expect to seek costs from the applicant and the grounds for your eligibility for costs. You must provide a copy of your letter of intervention to the applicant.

Need more information?

Further information on how to participate may be obtained by visiting the Board's Web site at www.oeb.gov.on.ca or by calling our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727.

How to contact us

In responding to this notice, please reference Board file number EB-2006-0032. It is also important that you provide your name, mailing address, e-mail address, phone and fax number. All communications should be directed to the attention of the Board Secretary at the address below, and be received no later than 4:45 p.m. on the required date.

For your convenience, the Board accepts letters of comments either by post or by e-mail. Our e-mail address is Boardsec@oeb.gov.on.ca Please include the application file reference number in the subject line of your e-mail.

Letters of intervention must be sent by regular mail to the address below. Please remember that you must send a copy of your request for intervention to the applicant at their head office address listed below.

IF YOU DO NOT FILE A LETTER STATING YOUR WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING, THE BOARD MAY PROCEED WITHOUT YOUR PARTICIPATION AND YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO FURTHER NOTICE OF THE PROCEEDING.

Addresses for Viewing of Copies of Application

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Attn: Mr. Pierre G. Page
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Tel: 519-623-1340
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**Enbridge Gas Distribution
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DATED at Toronto, March 2, 2006

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Original Signed By

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