



EB-2006-0014

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

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Union Gas Limited for approval of the parties to, the period of, and the storage that is the subject of a long-term gas storage contract, identified as Contract No. LST049, between Union Gas Limited and Gaz Metro Limited Partnership ("GMI").

NOTICE OF APPLICATION GAS STORAGE CONTRACT APPROVAL

The Application

By application dated January 19, 2006, Union Gas Limited ("Union") has applied for an order of the Board approving, without a hearing, the parties to, the volumes under, and the terms of a long-term Gas Storage Service Contract (identified as Contract No. LST049) between Union and Gaz Metro Limited Partnership ("GMI") (the "Contract"). The Application was made under subsection 39(2) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, Sched. B, and has been assigned Board File No. EB-2006-0014.

The Contract

The Contract, dated December 22, 2005 would, subject to Board approval, provide GMI with a maximum of 4,415,580 GJ (4.1 Bcf) of firm storage space for the period April 1, 2006 to March 31, 2011.

According to the Application, the volumes covered by the Contract will offset a previously approved reduction in the storage volume provided to GMi under Long Term Storage Contract LST014 (see proceeding RP2005-0017/EB-2005-0258). GMi's total storage under all of its long-term storage contracts with Union for the years 2004, 2005 and 2006 is shown in the following table:

Contract	Effective April 1/04 (GJ)	Effective April 1/05 (GJ)	Effective April 1/06 (GJ)
LST014	14,718,600	14,718,600	10,303,020
LST030	5,849,700	5,849,700	5,849,700
LST036	2,075,700	2,075,700	2,075,700
LST049	-	-	4,415,580 (subject to Board approval)
Total	22,644,000	22,644,000	22,644,000

Based on the above, approval of the Application will not increase GMi's total storage beyond the total previously approved by the Board.

Procedure

The persons receiving this Notice are participants in the Natural Gas Forum, the Natural Gas Electricity Interface Review and/or proceedings to set natural gas rates for 2006.

The filed application is available on the public record at the Board's offices, address below, and at the office of the applicant, address listed in attachment "A".

Union has requested that the Application be disposed of without a hearing on the grounds that no person will be adversely affected in a material way by the outcome of this matter. The Board has not yet determined whether to hold a hearing in relation to the Application, and invites submissions on the issue from interested persons.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

1. Interested persons that believe they will be adversely affected in a material way by the outcome of this proceeding may file a written submission with the Board requesting that the Board hold a hearing in relation to the Application. The submission should clearly indicate the nature of the material adverse effect that

is being asserted. The submission must be filed with the Board, and a copy sent to Union at the address listed in Appendix A, no later than **Friday, February 17, 2006.**

2. Responses to the submission(s) may be filed with the Board by Union no later than **Friday, February 24, 2006, with a copy to the person that provided the submission.**
3. All filings to the Board must be in the form of 9 hard copies, must include the sender's name, postal address and telephone number and, if available, an e-mail address and fax number. All filings must be directed to the attention of the Board Secretary at the address below, and must be received by the Board by 4:45 p.m. on the required date. Filings must reference file number EB-2006-0014. The Board requests that, in addition to the hard copies which are filed, all parties make every effort to include a copy of their filings, on diskette or by e-mail, in searchable PDF or Word format.
4. All filings with the Board should be directed to:

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Tel: 1-888-632-6273 (toll free)
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ISSUED at Toronto, February 6, 2006

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD



Peter H. O'Dell
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APPENDIX "A"

TO

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION
Union – GMi Gas Storage Contract**

BOARD FILE No. EB-2006-0014

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