

EB-2006-0253

APPLICATION BY UNION GAS LIMITED FOR AUTHORITY TO EXPROPRIATE CERTAIN LAND RIGHTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING A PIPELINE FOR THE TRANSMISSION OF NATURAL GAS

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Union Gas Limited ("Union" or the "Applicant") has filed an application, dated October 19, 2006, with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") under section 99 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, for approval to expropriate lands. On June 12, 2005 Union was granted an order of the Board (file number EB-2005-0550) for leave to construct a natural gas pipeline along with associated facilities. The pipeline consists of the construction of 18.1 kilometres of 48 inch diameter steel natural gas pipeline within the County of Middlesex. The construction of the proposed pipeline will allow Union to increase the capacity of the Trafalgar gas transmission system to meet the increasing gas requirements for current and future customers.

The approved pipeline will proceed from the existing Strathroy Gate Station, located in Lot 9, Concession IX, Township of Strathroy-Caradoc to the existing Lobo Station, located in Lot 14, Concession VII, Township of Middlesex Centre, all in the County of Middlesex. At the time of filing this application Union has been unable to acquire the necessary easement rights on lands owned by G. E. Skinner. Union is now seeking the approval of the Board to expropriate permanent and temporary working easement rights on the land of G. E. Skinner in the Township of Strathroy-Caradoc, County of Middlesex. A description of the lands and a reference plan of survey which identifies the lands are attached to Union's application and attached as Appendix "A".

This is an application for an authority to expropriate land for the purpose of a natural gas pipeline, not an application dealing with compensation. The Board may, if it is of the opinion that it is in the public interest, grant the authority to expropriate the land.

However, the Board does not have the authority to determine the amount of compensation payable. If the authority to expropriate is granted and the parties do not agree upon compensation, the amount shall be determined under the *Expropriations Act*.

How to Participate

If you have an interest in any of the lands which are the subject matter of this application you may become intervenor in this proceeding. If you wish to participate in this proceeding you must send a letter of intervention to the Board Secretary within 10 calendar days of the receipt of this Notice. Information on how to participate may be obtained by calling the Board's Customer Service Centre toll free at 1-877-632-2727, by email to Boardsec@oeb.gov.on.ca or from the frequently asked questions (FAQ) section of the Board's web site at www.oeb.gov.on.ca. A copy of your submission must also be sent to the applicant.

The Board may proceed in this matter by way of written hearing or oral hearing. However, the Board will not hold a written hearing if a party satisfies the Board that there is a good reason to hold an oral hearing. If you wish to make a submission regarding whether the hearing should be oral or written, you must make this submission to the Board Secretary within **10 calendar days** of the receipt of this notice or as part of your letter of intervention.

Procedural orders as to how the matter will proceed may be issued by the Board from time to time, and copies of any procedural orders will be sent to Union and all the intervenors and observers in the proceeding.

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DATED at Toronto, November 2, 2006

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Original signed by

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Appendix "A"

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Application and Survey

Schedule 6

<u>Owner</u>

George E. Skinner

Part Lots 1 and 2, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Lobo Township of Middlesex Centre, County of Middlesex

Easement Rights Required by Expropriation

Permanent Easement rights required through Parts 1, 2 and 3 Monteith and Sutherland Plan File No. F-5529-7(E)

Temporary Easement rights required through Parts 4 to 16, both inclusive Monteith and Sutherland Plan File No. F-5529-7(E)

Land Registry Office Parcel Reference

PIN Parcel 09658-0001

Encumbrances

Nil

