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NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND HEARING

GAS FRANCHISE APPROVAL AND CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR HALDIMAND COUNTY

Union Gas Limited ("Union") has filed an application dated November 1, 2006 with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") under section 9 of the *Municipal Franchises Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.55, as amended, for an order of the Board approving the terms and conditions upon which and the period for which the Corporation of Haldimand County (the "Corporation") is, by by-law, to grant to Union 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 Haldimand County (the "Municipality"). Union has also applied for an order of the Board declaring and directing that the assent of the municipal electors to the by-law is not necessary. The Board has assigned the application file number EB-2006-0274.

Union has also applied for an order cancelling the existing Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for all of the former municipalities and replacing them with a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the amalgamated Corporation. The Board has assigned file number EB-2006-0275 to this application.

On January 1, 2001, the former Town of Dunnville, the former Town of Haldimand and the easterly half of the former City of Nanticoke were amalgamated to form the Town of Haldimand. On January 15, 2001 the name "the Town of Haldimand" was changed to Haldimand County by municipal by-law.

Union had Franchise Agreements with the former municipalities that now form part of the Corporation as follows: the former Town of Dunnville (E.B.A. 613); the former City of Nanticoke (E.B.A. 615); and the former Town of Haldimand (E.B.A. 609). Union holds Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for the former Town of Dunnville (F.B.C. 259), the former Town of Haldimand (F.B.C. 259), and the former City of Nanticoke (F.B.C. 259).

How to See Union's Pre-filed Evidence

Copies of the application and pre-filed evidence in support of Union's application will be available for inspection for public inspection at the Board's offices, the applicant's offices, and at the office of the Corporation (addresses below).

How to Participate

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, or, if you have been served this notice personally, no later than 10 days from the date of service. 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. Your letter of intervention should indicate your preference for a written or oral hearing, and the reasons for that preference. The Board will not provide award of costs in this proceeding. 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-2006-0274/0275. It is also important that you provide your name, postal address and telephone number

and, if available, an e-mail address 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 comment by either post or e-mail. Our e-mail address is Boardsec@oeb.gov.on.ca Please include the application file reference number EB-2006-0274/0275 in the subject line of your e-mail.

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

IMPORTANT

IF YOU DO NOT REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, THE BOARD MAY PROCEED IN YOUR ABSENCE AND YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY FURTHER NOTICE OF THESE PROCEEDINGS.

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DATED at Toronto, November 16, 2006

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