Ontario Energy Board



EB-2014-0275

**IN THE MATTER OF** the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15, Schedule B (the Act");

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an application by Union Gas Limited for an Order pursuant to Section 43(2)(a) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, granting leave to acquire voting securities of Tipperary Gas Corp.;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an application by Tipperary Gas Corp. for an Order pursuant to Section 18(1) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* granting leave to transfer the Decision and Order of the Board in EB-2006-0018/-0159/-0279, in respect of the injection, storage and removal of gas from a gas storage area, to Union Gas Limited;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** a request by Union Gas Limited to cancel the Decision and Order of the Board in EB-2008-0049, in respect of the approval of contract terms between Union Gas Limited and Huron Tipperary Partnership 1 under Section 2.3.1 of the Affiliate Relationships Code for Gas Utilities.

## PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1 October 22, 2014

On August 26, 2014 the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") received an application from Union Gas Limited ("Union Gas"), which was amended on September 22, 2014, for approval to purchase 25% of the voting securities of Tipperary Gas Corp. ("Tipperary") pursuant to section 43(2)(a) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the "Act").

Union Gas currently holds the remaining 75% of the voting Tipperary securities of Tipperary Gas Corp. Tipperary is the general partner of The Huron Tipperary Limited Partnership 1, which carries out a non-utility natural gas storage business consisting of two natural gas storage pools in the Municipality of Central Huron ("Huron Pools").

In its application, Union Gas also requested on behalf of Tipperary, an order of the Board pursuant to section 18(1) of the Act, granting leave to transfer the authority to operate the Huron Pools from Tipperary to Union Gas.

Union Gas also asked the Board to cancel the exemption from the Affiliate Relationships Code which it currently holds, but will no longer be required if the acquisition is completed.

A Notice of Application ("Notice") was issued on September 24, 2014. The Notice was posted on the respective websites of Union Gas and Tipperary Gas Corp. and served in accordance with the Board's directions.

No party requested intervenor status in this proceeding.

On October 22, 2014, the Board received a letter from Board staff indicating that it did not intend to file any interrogatories or to pursue any other form of discovery in relation to this application.

A record of all procedural matters that have been dealt with up to this point in this proceeding is available on the Board's web site.

I consider it necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding. The Board may issue further procedural orders from time to time.

# THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Unless the Board orders otherwise, any written submission from Board staff shall be filed on or before **October 29, 2014**. Any submission should be filed with the Board and delivered to Union Gas and Tipperary Gas Corp.
- 2. Unless the Board orders otherwise, Union Gas or Tipperary Gas Corp. may, either jointly or separately, file any reply submission with the Board, and deliver it to Board staff by **November 5, 2014**.

All filings to the Board must quote the file number, EB-2014-0275, be made electronically in searchable / unrestricted PDF format through the Board's web portal at <u>www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/</u>. Two paper copies must also be filed. Filings must clearly state the sender's name, postal address and telephone number, fax number and e-mail address. Parties must use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guideline

found at <u>www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry</u>. If the web portal is not available parties may email their documents to the address below. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit all filings on a CD in PDF format, along with two paper copies. Those who do not have computer access are required to file 7 paper copies.

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.

# **ADDRESS**

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ISSUED at Toronto, October 22, 2014

# **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

## By delegation, before: Kristi Sebalj

Original signed by

Kristi Sebalj Registrar