ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF ENBRIDGE GAS DISTRIBUTION INC.

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board for a Gas Franchise Agreement for the Township of Southgate. Learn more. Have your say.

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board:

- 1. To replace its existing Gas Franchise Agreements with the former Village of Dundalk and the former Township of Proton with a new Gas Franchise Agreement for the Township of Southgate, which gives Enbridge the right to distribute, store and transmit natural gas in and through the Township of Southgate and to its inhabitants for a period of 20 years;
- 2. For an order that the permission of the municipal electors of the Township of Southgate is not necessary in relation to the renewal of the Gas Franchise Agreement; and
- 3. For an order replacing its existing Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for the former Village of Dundalk and the former Township of Proton with a new Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Township of Southgate, which gives Enbridge the right to build and operate natural gas facilities to supply natural gas in the Township of Southgate.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING

The OEB will hold a public hearing to consider Enbridge's request. During this hearing, the OEB will consider evidence and arguments by Enbridge and by individuals, municipalities and others whose interests would be affected. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide whether to grant Enbridge's requests.

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. We make decisions that serve the public interest. Our goal is to promote a financially viable and efficient energy sector that provides you with reliable energy services at a reasonable cost.

This application will be decided by the Manager, Natural Gas Applications, who has been delegated the authority to make a decision on behalf of the OEB.

BE INFORMED AND HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information regarding this application and to be involved in the process. You can:

- · review Enbridge's application on the OEB's website now;
- file a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing;
- become an active participant (called an intervenor). Apply by **March 9, 2015** or the hearing will go ahead without you and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding;
- · at the end of the process, review the OEB's decision and its reasons on our website.

The Manager, Natural Gas Applications, does not intend to provide for an award of costs for this hearing.

LEARN MORE

Our file number for this case is **EB-2015-0036**. To learn more about how to participate in this hearing, including how to file a letter with your comments or how to become an intervenor go to: www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/participate. From that OEB web page you can also enter the file number **EB-2015-0036** to see all the documents related to this case. You can also phone our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.

ORAL VS. WRITTEN HEARINGS

There are two types of OEB hearings – oral and written. The OEB intends to proceed with this application by way of a written hearing unless a party satisfies the Board that there is good reason for not holding a written hearing. If you believe an oral hearing is necessary, you must provide written reasons to the OEB by **March 9, 2015.**

PRIVACY

If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the public record and the OEB website. However, your personal telephone number, home address and email address will be removed. If you are a business, all your information will remain public. If you apply to become an intervenor, all information will be public.

This application has been filed under sections 8, 9(3), and 9(4) of the Municipal Franchises Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.M.55, as amended.



Ontario Energy Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF the *Municipal Franchises Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.55; as amended;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. for an order granting the right to construct or operate works for the distribution of gas, and the right to extend or add to the works, in the Township of Southgate of Grey County;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. for an order granting a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct works to supply gas in the Township of Southgate (the former Village of Dundalk and the former Township of Proton) of Grey County;

APPLICATION

Parties

- 1. Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. (the "Applicant") is an Ontario corporation with its head office in the City of Toronto.
- 2. The Corporation of the Township of Southgate (the "Municipality") is a municipal Ontario corporation with its head office at 185667 Grey Road 9, Dundalk, Ontario, N0C 1B0.

History

- 3. The Municipality was formed on January 1, 2000 with the amalgamation of the Corporation of the Village of Dundalk, and the Corporation of the Township of Proton. Attached as Schedule "A" is a map showing the geographical location of the Municipality.
- 4. The Applicant possesses certificates of public convenience and necessity (the "Certificates") permitting it to distribute, store and transmit gas in the parts of the Municipality comprising the geographical areas of:

- i. the former Village of Dundalk (pursuant to certificate No. EBC 235 dated September 25, 1995); and
- ii. the former Township of Proton (pursuant to certificate No. EBC 238 dated September 25, 1995).

Attached hereto and marked as Schedule "B" are copies of the aforementioned Certificates.

- 5. The Applicant wishes to replace its existing Certificates with a single certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and to operate works for the distribution of gas in the whole Municipality, as required for present and future public convenience and necessity.
- 6. The Applicant possesses franchise agreements permitting it to distribute, store and transmit gas in the parts of the Municipality comprising the geographical areas of:
 - i. the former Village of Dundalk (pursuant to By-law No. 24-95 dated October 19, 1995); and
 - ii. the former Township of Proton (pursuant to By-law No. 28-1995 dated October 10, 1995).

Attached hereto and marked as Schedule "C" are copies of the aforementioned By-Laws.

7. The Applicant wishes to replace its existing franchise agreements and enter into a municipal franchise agreement with the Municipality, in the form of the Ontario Energy Board ("Board") approved 2000 Model Franchise Agreement, with no amendments. Attached hereto and marked as Schedule "D", is: a draft By-Law from the Municipality, the form of the Municipality's By-law granting to the Applicant the municipal franchise; and a copy of the proposed municipal franchise agreement between the Applicant and the Municipality (the "Franchise Agreement").

Relief Requested

- 8. The Applicant hereby applies to the Board for:
 - i. an order, pursuant to Section 8 of the *Municipal Franchises Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. M. 55, as amended (the "Act"), for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct works to supply gas in the Municipality;
 - ii. an order, pursuant to Section 9 of the Act, granting the Applicant the right to construct or operate works for the distribution of gas, and the right to extend or add to the works, in the Municipality for such period of time and

- upon such terms pursuant to the provisions of the Franchise Agreement in Schedule "D" attached, or as may otherwise be prescribed by the Board.
- iii. an order, pursuant to Section 9 of the Act, directing and declaring that the assent of the municipal electors to the terms and conditions of the franchise agreement is not necessary.
- 9. The persons affected by this application are the customers and other residents in the Municipality. Because of the number of such persons, it is impractical to set out their names and addresses herein.

DATED at Toronto this 11th day of February, 2015.

ENBRIDGE GAS DISTRIBUTION INC. 500 Consumers Road Toronto, Ontario M2J 1P8

by its Solicitor

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