



EB-2015-0039

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

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by
SaversEnergy Inc. for a gas marketer licence.

By delegation, before: Peter Fraser

DECISION AND ORDER

June 11, 2015

SaversEnergy Inc. (SaversEnergy) filed an application on February 17, 2015 with the Ontario Energy Board (the OEB) under section 50 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the OEB Act) for a gas marketer licence.

The OEB issued a Notice of Application and Hearing on March 10, 2015. The Notice set out dates for any interested party to file interrogatories and submissions on the application. OEB staff filed interrogatories on the application on April 13, 2015. SaversEnergy responded to those interrogatories on April 22, 2015. Board staff filed a submission on the application on May 8, 2015. SaversEnergy did not file a reply submission.

In order to obtain the OEB licence to market natural gas to low-volume consumers, an applicant must establish that it meets the minimum requirements set out in the O. Reg. 90/99 "Licence Requirements – Electricity Retailers and Gas Marketers" made under the OEB Act:

1. Having regard to the financial position of the applicant, the applicant can reasonably be expected to be financially responsible in the conduct of business.
2. The past conduct of the applicant affords reasonable grounds for belief that the applicant will carry on business in accordance with law and with integrity and honesty.
3. If the applicant is a corporation, the past conduct of its officers and directors affords reasonable grounds for belief that its business will be carried on in accordance with law and with integrity and honesty.
4. The applicant is not carrying on activities that are, or will be, if the applicant is licensed, in contravention of the OEB Act or the regulations or the codes, orders or rules issued or made by the Board.

In its submission, OEB staff submitted that SaversEnergy can reasonably be expected to be financially responsible in the conduct of its business and has adequate technical capabilities to operate in the Ontario market. Although SaversEnergy is holding an electricity retailer licence since May, 2014, it has just recently launched a web-based service offering electricity contracts, and thus has no past history of conducting business in Ontario. However, the applicant has demonstrated its awareness of all legal and regulatory obligations and provided a detailed description of the policies, processes and procedures in place or to be put in place to ensure compliance with legal and regulatory obligations.

Based on the evidence, I find that it is in the public interest to grant SaversEnergy Inc. a gas marketer licence under Part IV of the Act.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The application for a gas marketer licence is granted, on such conditions as are contained in the attached licence.

DATED at Toronto, **June 11, 2015**

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Peter Fraser
Vice President, Industry Operations and Performance