

## ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF UNION GAS LIMITED

Union Gas Limited has applied for approval to change its gas commodity, storage and transportation rates effective January 1, 2016.

Learn more. Have your say.

Union Gas Limited has applied to change its rates to better reflect how it supplies natural gas to its customers. The proposed changes include the following:

- A change in the reference price used to set rates on a quarterly basis for a majority of its customers; and
- A change to how it allocates costs to the different types of customers that it serves.

An average residential customer would see the following annual bill impact, but these impacts would only start in 2018:

Residential Customer – Service Area	Approximate Bill Impact
Southern Ontario (Windsor to Hamilton) Northern Delivery Area (North Bay to Kapuskasing) All Other Delivery Areas	Decrease of \$20 Increase of \$26
	Decrease of \$1.50 – \$51.50

Other customers in Union Gas Limited's service area, including businesses, will also be affected.

### THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD IS HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider the application filed by Union Gas.

We will question Union Gas on the case. We will also hear arguments from individuals and from groups that represent the customers of Union Gas. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide whether to approve the changes that Union Gas has requested in this application.

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.

### 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 the application filed by Union Gas on the OEB's website now.
- You can file a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing.
- You can become an active participant (called an intervenor). Apply by **August 25, 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, you can review the OEB's decision and its reasons on our website.

### LEARN MORE

Our file number for this case is **EB-2015-0181**. To learn more about this hearing, find instructions on how to file letters or become an intervenor, or to access any document related to this case, please select the file number **EB-2015-0181** from the list on the OEB website: [www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/notice](http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/notice). 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 will determine at a later date whether to proceed by way of a written or oral hearing. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **August 25, 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 e-mail 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 hearing will be held under section 36 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998 c.15 (Schedule B).



# Naming Baby Carson is a frightening task

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Parents have become mad scientists when it comes to naming their children. Emily has stretched into Emmalee and Christopher butchered into Kristoffer. Brody and Logan have been mixed together to create Brogan. Heaven was flipped around and Neveah was born.

My bundle of cuteness — gender unknown — is due Dec. 13.

To help with the baby-naming task, I spoke with Canadian baby name expert Eric Alper, of Name Your Tune CDs.

“You want to step outside yourself a little bit and find out what is going to be right for the child, not necessarily because you happen to think it’s cool,” he said.

Baby Carson could be a legend. Maybe I’ll name it after Old West hero, Kit Carson, or TV host and comedian Johnny Carson. I could set its future career in stone and go straight to the top with: Premier, or Commander-in-Chief.

Alper isn’t a fan of the idea.

“What you end up doing is tagging that child growing up with a preconceived notion of who that person is,” he said.

In other words, my Johnny Carson may not be a born entertainer.

If I was a celebrity I could get away with a silly name like Maple Syrup, Lake Lover, or Baby Boopkins. Celebrity chef Jamie Oliver named his son, Buddy Bear.



With baby well on the way, reporter Sara Carson has the brain-twisting assignment of coming up with an appropriate name.

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Celebrity parents: this is where the whole ‘invent-a-name’ trend began. There are celebrity babies with names including Apple, Sparrow, Ocean, Blanket and Blue Ivy. Choosing a moniker would be a lot easier if I could decide based on an object sitting nearby: Yellow Notepad Carson. No joke, there is a child in New Zealand named Number 16 Bus Shelter.

Through their business, the Alpers have made CDs for children named: Johnny Cash, John Lennon and Paul McCartney.

While Alper said there are no bad names, he added there are factors parents don’t think about until it becomes an issue.

“Celebrities will name their kid

Moxie CrimeFighter, or Ace and that sounds really, really cool, but 20 years down the road is that still going to be a cool name?” Alper said.

This may come as a surprise to invent-a-name parents, but the top baby names this year are classics: Aidan and Emma.

Canadian Olympic women’s hockey gold medalist Meaghan Mikkelson and her husband Scott Reid, of Calgary, launched an online contest to name their unborn son. Names will be narrowed down by the public playoff style.

It’s down to six: Everett, Carter, Emerson, Mikael, Calder and Spencer. The winner will be announced Sept. 25.

Alper likes unique names, but prefers the traditional. He and wife Candace named their daughter Hannah James. They considered James as a first name, but decided while trendy now giving her a traditional boy name may not be so rad in the future.

Unless I become overwhelmed with the urge to name my baby Adorable Cuddle Buns Carson, we will choose a time-tested classic.

And Dave, if we can’t agree on a name, Alper has a suggestion.

“Let her have this one. I defer it to the person who is actually giving birth,” he said.

Feel free to offer a name suggestion on Twitter @Sara\_VCarson, or by email scarson@simcoe.com

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