

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)	Decrease of \$20
Northern Delivery Area (North Bay to Kapuskasing)	Increase of \$26
All Other Delivery Areas	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. 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).



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PASTURE TALK

A couple of weeks ago, we wrote of our property being pastured by a heard of cows and calves this summer, and, since it became quite hot and dry, the new owners of the property gradually expanded their range to the whole place.

An electric fence wire can be rearranged as pasture is expanded, and keeps the cattle respectful and confined for the most part.

But, little calves can duck under the wire and pretty soon the concerned mothers get brave, knocking down the fence and breaking out.

August 3 Civic holiday and Country Fair day at the Heritage Centre was a busy day for us.

With more than one trip and back forth between home and the Centre, Gordon found the whole herd of cattle in the front yard.

Our neighbour, Brenda Sanders and her sister-in-law Judy Rose were out walking and came to Gordon's rescue to try and chase these cattle back, but our old kitty "Tiger", seeing Brenda approaching, came out to meet her and caught the attention of the calves.

There was no way of preventing what happened next.

To the amusement of all, the calves edged past Gordon a few steps at a time to investigate that cat, which held its ground until they got right up close to him.

Well, his hair stood up and he wheeled and bolted away in a big circle back to the safety of the house, with all the calves in full chase with their tails over their backs.

These antics caused much laughter, as the rest of the cattle, disdainful of the three of them, munched their ways across the yard.

Well, isn't it a fact that the grass is always greener on the other side of the fence?

AGRICULTURALLY SPEAKING

Since we seem to be on an agricultural theme, the weather has been dry and regrowth of forages has been slow and there is a shortage of hay, as yet for winter feeding of livestock.

The Mennonites, west of Bruce Mines, have already cut a field of grain, and it looks wonderful, all stooked up in tidy rows, so threshing of the grain is in the next order

of business.

COMMUNITY DAYS

The beginning of the month of August is always the last fling at summer, and the municipalities do a wonderful job of capitalizing with Community Days, etc.

We always enjoy

attending Richards Landing's evening of parade and food, and this year the number of people was even bigger than usual.

Following that, we came back to Thessalon for their fireworks display, which was nothing less than tremendous for a small town.

Then, on Saturday, with relatives from Thunder Bay, Hawk Junction, Oscoda, Michigan, and Laird, we watched the Thessalon parade, before going to George and June Jeffery's annual camp-out, then, in the evening, we were off to Hilton Beach for their parade and food.



Sunday afternoon, we went back to Jeffery's for music and camaraderie with the many people who are camped or stop by during the weekend.

The Country Fair, on Monday at Little Rapids, and the wind-up of the Family Ball Tournament in Thessalon, are climax to a very busy weekend before getting back to routine responsibilities again.

Computers have an advantage over old typewriters with the ability to insert or delete words or whole paragraphs, and one can get carried away with composing sentences, etc.

Time has been wasted when you re-read some composition that you decide isn't suitable, so, with a swipe of the mouse and delete button, poof, it's gone, which is just what happened to a paragraph before this one. You don't know how lucky you were to have not seen that one!

THE LITTLE ENGINE THAT COULD

Our little car, which we call the runabout, hardly gets a chance to cool down, with medical appointments, coffee breaks, and going for drives. We joke that the wheels are made to go round and round.