Ontario Energy Board Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario



EB-2014-0182

Union Gas Limited

Application for leave to construct a natural gas pipeline and ancillary facilities in the Town of Milton and the Town of Oakville and for approval to recover the cost consequences of the development of the proposed Burlington Oakville Project.

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 6

September 10, 2015

Union Gas Limited (Union) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on December 12, 2014 to construct a pipeline and ancillary facilities in the Town of Milton and the Town of Oakville (Burlington Oakville Project or Project) and for approval to recover the costs of the development of the proposed Burlington Oakville Project.

A written discovery was completed on September 1, 2015. According to the Procedural Order No. 5, the hearing was to conclude with filing of closing arguments. On September 2, 2015 the School Energy Coalition (SEC) requested that the OEB schedule an oral hearing to allow the parties to cross-examine on the evidence filed. SEC noted that evidence filed by Union and by an expert retained by Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters (CME) and Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers (OGVG) (CME/OGVG expert evidence) presented conflicting conclusions regarding the need for the proposed project and alternatives to the proposed project. SEC asked for an opportunity to cross-examine both Union and the expert retained by CME and OGVG. SEC identified some outstanding questions raised by the conflicting evidence. On September 3, 2015 Federation of Rental Property Owners (FRPO) filed a letter supporting the SEC request. FRPO also took the position that Union mischaracterized the CME/OGVG expert evidence and that an oral hearing would ensure clarification of the record. Union opposed these oral hearing requests in letters dated September 3 and September 4, 2015. Union's view is that further factual inquiry through crossexamination is not warranted and that the record does not require further probing.

Union's position is that the essence of questions posed by SEC and supported by FRPO is a difference in opinion which does not call for further factual inquiry through an oral hearing.

The OEB agrees with SEC and FRPO that cross-examination and further examination of the competing evidence on the need and alternatives to the proposed project will help complete and clarify the record. For this reason, the OEB will set a date for an oral hearing. The remaining schedule for the proceeding set in the Procedural Order 5 has been cancelled.

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

THE OEB ORDERS THAT:

 An Oral Hearing will be held at the Board's offices located at 2300 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ontario, on the 25th Floor in the North Hearing Room on September 24, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.

All filings to the OEB must quote file number **EB-2014-0182**, be made through the OEB's web portal at <u>https://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice</u>, and consist of two paper copies and one electronic copy in searchable / unrestricted PDF format.

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All communications should be directed to the attention of the Board Secretary and be received no later than **4:45 p.m**. on the required date.

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DATED at Toronto, September 10, 2015

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