



EB-2015-0307

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 Natural Resource Gas Limited pursuant to section 9 of the *Municipal Franchises Act* for an order approving the terms and conditions upon which, and the period for which, the Elgin County is, by by-law, to grant to Natural Resource Gas Limited the right to construct and operate works for the distribution, transmission and storage of natural gas and the right to extend and add to the works in Elgin County; and directing and declaring that the assent of the municipal electors of Elgin County to the by-law is not necessary;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Natural Resource Gas Limited pursuant to section 10(1) of the *Municipal Franchises Act* for an interim order or orders extending the terms and conditions, and the period for which Elgin County is to grant to Natural Resource Gas Limited the right to construct and operate works for the distribution, transmission and storage of natural gas and the right to extend and add to the works in Elgin County.

By delegation, before: Pascale Duguay

INTERIM ORDER

December 8, 2015

Natural Resource Gas Limited (NRG) and the Corporation of Elgin County (Elgin County) are party to a municipal franchise agreement, dated November 28, 1995, which grants NRG the right to construct and operate works for the distribution of gas within, and to supply gas to the residents of, Elgin County. NRG also holds a certificate of public convenience and necessity from the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) granting it the right to construct works to supply gas in Elgin County (E.B.C. 212).

On November 9, 2015, NRG applied to the OEB for a renewal of the franchise agreement. The franchise agreement is set to expire on November 28, 2015. Given the impending expiry date of the franchise agreement NRG also applied for an interim order extending NRG's franchise rights in Elgin County until such time that the OEB makes a final determination on the renewal application.

I find it in the public interest to grant the interim order. Pursuant to section 10(4) of the *Municipal Franchises Act*, I hereby order that NRG's franchise rights within Elgin County be continued until such time that the OEB makes a final determination on NRG's franchise renewal application.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The municipal gas franchise agreement between NRG and Elgin County dated November 28, 1995 is continued until such time that the OEB makes a final determination on NRG's franchise renewal application.

DATED at Toronto, December 8, 2015

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Pascale Duguay
Manager, Natural Gas Applications