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Ms. Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board  
2300 Yonge Street, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: The Corporation of the Municipality of Tweed  
Franchise Agreement and Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity  
Board File No. EB-2016-0038**

Attached is the response from Union Gas to the interrogatory received from Board Staff related to this application.

Should you have any questions on this submission, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

*[Original signed by]*

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Answer to Interrogatory from Board Staff

Reference: Application page 2 paragraphs 7, 8 and 9

Preamble: OEB staff notes that the former Township of Elzevir & Grimsthorpe is included in Union Gas' application for a Franchise Agreement and Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity with the Municipality of Tweed. The evidence states that the former Village of Tweed, the former Township of Hungerford and the former Township of Elzevir & Grimsthorpe were amalgamated in January 1, 1998. Union Gas has Franchise Agreements and Certificates for each of the former Village of Tweed and the former Township of Hungerford, but does not have a Franchise Agreement or a Certificate for the former Township of Elzevir & Grimsthorpe.

Questions:

- a) Please advise if Union Gas is currently providing natural gas service within the geographic boundaries of the former Township of Elzevir & Grimsthorpe. If so, when did Union Gas start to provide service and how many customers are currently being served?
- b) If Union Gas is providing gas service to the area covered by the former Township of Elzevir & Grimsthorpe, please provide the rationale for why Union Gas has not submitted an application for a Franchise Agreement and Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity prior to the current application.

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**Response:**

- a) Union Gas does not currently provide natural gas service within the geographic boundaries of the former Township of Elzevir & Grimsthorpe. Union has main pipeline that ends on Highway 37 in Tweed (roughly 5 km south of the boundary of the former Township of Elzevir & Grimsthorpe) and about 6 km west in Madoc on Highway 7. The attached map provides an illustration of where Union Gas has facilities in place in the Tweed area.

The former Township of Elzevir and the former Township of Grimsthorpe were united into one township on December 8, 1870. Prior to amalgamation into the Municipality of Tweed in 1998, the united township was referred to as the Townships of Elzevir and Grimsthorpe.

Immediately adjacent to the former Township of Elzevir & Grimsthorpe are Kaladar and Anglesea which are rural communities within the municipality of Addington Highlands which is part of the County of Lennox and Addington. Union has a franchise agreement with the County of Lennox and Addington (RP-2004-0215 / EB-2004-0433). Union also holds

several Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity within the County of Lennox and Addington (FBC 046, FBC 063, FBC 205, EBC 145 and EBC 181).

The Township of Tudor and Cashel, located in Hastings County, consists of two non-contiguous areas that are immediately adjacent to the former Township of Elzevir & Grimsthorpe. Union has a franchise agreement with Hastings County (EB-2012-0429).

While the requested Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Municipality of Tweed covers more territory than that covered by Union's existing Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity within the Municipality, the Ontario Energy Board has previously determined that issuing a single, expanded Certificate for the whole municipality for which Union had previously only held Certificates for parts is in the public interest. The single Certificate also matches up with the franchise agreement with the municipality.

Examples of these previous OEB Decisions on expanded Certificates include:

EB-2015-0229 – Decision and Order – October 8, 2015	(Grey Highlands)
EB-2013-0256 – Decision and Order – August 29, 2013	(Temagami)
EB-2010-0384 – Decision and Order - February 15, 2011	(Township of St. Clair)
EB-2010-0240 – Decision and Order - August 20, 2010	(East Zorra-Tavistock)
EB-2008-0363 – Decision and Order - January 29, 2009	(Espanola)
EB-2008-0088 – Decision and Order - May 30, 2008	(Alnwick/Haldimand)
EB-2007-0025 – Decision and Order – April 10, 2007	(Zorra)
EB-2007-0024 – Decision and Order – April 10, 2007	(Stone Mills)
EB-2007-0022 – Decision and Order - April 10, 2007	(Loyalist Township)
EB-2007-0020 – Decision and Order - April 3, 2007	(Greenstone)
EB-2004-0538 – Decision and Order - February 23, 2005	(Fauquier-Strickland)

b) See response to part (a).



