



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

DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2016-0133 & EB-2016-0134

UTILITY SAVINGS CORP.

Applications for Gas Marketer and Electricity Retailer Licences

BY DELEGATION,

BEFORE: Peter Fraser
Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance

July 21, 2016

Decision and Order

Utility Savings Corp. filed separate applications on March 23, 2016 with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB), under section 50 and section 60 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act) for a Gas Marketer Licence and an Electricity Retailer Licence, respectively. The licences would allow the applicant to market natural gas and retail electricity to consumers in Ontario.

A Notice of Application and Written Hearing was posted on the OEB's website on May 3, 2016. The Notice provided time for interrogatories and submissions on the application evidence, as well responses from the applicant. On May 24, 2016 OEB staff filed interrogatories on the application evidence. On June 7, 2016 the applicant responded to those interrogatories. OEB staff filed a submission on the application on June 21, 2016. The applicant did not respond to the submission.

This Decision and Order is being issued by Delegated Authority, pursuant to Section 6 of the OEB Act.

After considering the evidence, I find it to be in the public interest to issue a Gas Marketer Licence and Electricity Retailer Licence to Utility Savings Corp. The licences will have a term of two years. This term will give the applicant an opportunity to establish itself as reliable market participant in the Ontario gas marketing and electricity retailing market. The two year term will also allow the OEB to assess and review Utility Savings Corp.'s experience in the marketplace should it choose to file for renewal of its licences in two years.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The applications for a gas marketer licence and an electricity retailer licence are granted, on such conditions as are contained in the attached licences.

DATED at Toronto, July 21, 2016

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Peter Fraser
Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance



Gas Marketer Licence

GM-2016-0133

Utility Savings Corp.

Valid Until

July 20, 2018

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1 Definitions

In this Licence:

“**Act**” means the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, Schedule B;

“**low-volume consumer**” means a person who annually uses less than 50,000 cubic meters of gas;

“**Licensee**” means Utility Savings Corp.;

“**regulation**” means a regulation made under the Act.

2 Interpretation

- 2.1 In this Licence, words and phrases shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Act. Words or phrases importing the singular shall include the plural and vice versa. Headings are for convenience only and shall not affect the interpretation of this Licence. Any reference to a document or a provision of a document includes an amendment or supplement to, or a replacement of, that document or that provision of that document. In the computation of time under this Licence, where there is a reference to a number of days between two events, they shall be counted by excluding the day on which the first event happens and including the day on which the second event happens. Where the time for doing an act expires on a holiday, the act may be done on the next day that is not a holiday.

3 Authorization

- 3.1 The Licensee is authorized, under Part IV of the Act, and subject to the terms and conditions set out in this Licence:
- a) to sell or offer to sell gas to a low-volume consumer;
 - b) to act as the agent or broker for a seller of gas to a low-volume consumer; and
 - c) to act or offer to act as the agent or broker of a low-volume consumer in the purchase of gas.
- 3.2 The Licensee is authorized to conduct business in the name under which this Licence is issued, or any trade name(s) listed in Schedule 1.

4 Obligation to Comply with Legislation and Regulations

- 4.1 The Licensee shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Act and regulations under the Act except where the Licensee has been exempted from such compliance by regulation.

5 Obligation to Comply with Codes

- 5.1 The Licensee shall at all times comply with all applicable provisions of the Code of Conduct for Gas Marketers, as issued and amended by the Board from time to time under Part III of the Act.
- 5.2 This Licensee shall:
- a) make a copy of the Code available for inspection by members of the public at its head office and regional offices during normal business hours; and
 - b) provide a copy of the Code to any person who requests it. The Licensee may impose a fair and reasonable charge for the cost of providing copies.

6 Agent for Service

- 6.1 If the Licensee does not have an office or other place of business in Ontario, the Licensee shall ensure the continuing appointment at all times of an individual who is a resident of Ontario and is at least 18 years old, or a corporation that has its head office or registered office in Ontario, as the Licensee's agent for service in Ontario on whom service of process, notices or other documentation may be made.

7 Provision of Information to the Board

- 7.1 The Licensee shall maintain records of and provide, in the manner and form determined by the Board, such information as the Board may require from time to time.
- 7.2 Without limiting the generality of paragraph 7.1, the Licensee shall notify the Board of any material change in circumstances that adversely affects or is likely to adversely affect the business, operations or assets of the Licensee as soon as practicable, but in any event no more than twenty (20) days past the date upon which such change occurs.

8 Customer Complaint and Dispute Resolution

- 8.1 The Licensee shall participate in a consumer complaints resolution process selected by the Board.

9 Term of Licence

- 9.1 This Licence shall take effect on July 21, 2016 and expire on July 20, 2018. The term of this Licence may be extended by the Board.

10 Fees and Assessments

- 10.1 The Licensee shall pay all fees charged and amounts assessed by the Board.

11 Communication

- 11.1 The Licensee shall designate a person that will act as a primary contact with the Board on matters related to this Licence. The Licensee shall notify the Board promptly should the contact details change.

- 11.2 All official communication relating to this Licence shall be in writing.
- 11.3 All written communication is to be regarded as having been given by the sender and received by the addressee:
- a) when delivered in person to the addressee by hand, by registered mail, or by courier;
 - b) ten (10) business days after the date of posting, if the communication is sent by regular mail; or
 - c) when received by facsimile transmission by the addressee, according to the sender's transmission report.

12 Copies of the Licence

- 12.1 The Licensee shall:
- a) make a copy of this Licence available for inspection by members of the public at its head office and regional offices during normal business hours; and
 - b) provide a copy of this Licence to any person who requests it. The Licensee may impose a fair and reasonable charge for the cost of providing copies.

SCHEDULE 1 AUTHORIZED TRADE NAMES

1. Utility Savings