

# ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE

**EPCOR Southern Bruce Gas Inc. has applied for approval of a natural gas franchise agreement with the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie, the Municipality of Kincardine and the Township of Huron-Kinloss.**

**In this hearing, the Ontario Energy Board will consider issues related to granting natural gas franchises and certificates as part of a natural gas community expansion project.**

**Learn more. Have your say.**

EPCOR Southern Bruce Gas Inc. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board for:

1. Approval of a natural gas franchise agreement with the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie, the Municipality of Kincardine and the Township of Huron-Kinloss which would grant to EPCOR Southern Bruce Gas Inc. the right to build, operate and add to the natural gas distribution system and to distribute, store and transmit natural gas for a period of 20 years.
2. An order that the agreement of the municipal voters of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie, the Municipality of Kincardine and the Township of Huron-Kinloss is not required in relation to granting the natural gas franchise agreement.
3. An order for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct works and supply gas to the Municipality of Kincardine, the Township of Huron-Kinloss and the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie except for the areas of the former Township of Arran and the former Village of Tara.

## THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD IS HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider EPCOR Southern Bruce Gas Inc.'s (EPCOR's) requests. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide whether to grant EPCOR's requests.

In this hearing, the OEB will also consider issues regarding how franchise agreements and certificates will be considered within the broader framework of natural gas expansion, given the findings from the decision on the OEB's generic hearing on natural gas expansion (EB-2016-0004).

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 applications filed by EPCOR 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 **January 16, 2017** 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 numbers for this case are **EB-2016-0137 (Municipality of Arran-Elderslie)**, **EB-2016-0138 (Municipality of Kincardine)** and **EB-2016-0139 (Township of Huron-Kinloss)**. 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 enter one of the three file numbers **EB-2016-0137 (Municipality of Arran-Elderslie)**, **EB-2016-0138 (Municipality of Kincardine)** and **EB-2016-0139 (Township of Huron-Kinloss)** on the OEB website: [www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/notice](http://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 **January 16, 2017**.

## 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 email 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 8(1), 9(3) and 9(4) of the Municipal Franchises Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.M.55.*

*This hearing will be combined pursuant to section 21(5) and held under section 36 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, S.O. 1998 c.15 (Schedule B).*

