

March 13, 2018

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

Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity
Unincorporated Township of Poitras
OEB File Number: EB-2017-0106**

Attached is an Updated Application by Union Gas Limited for Orders of the Board with respect to a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the unincorporated Township of Poitras.

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

Yours truly,

[Original signed by]

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Encl.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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 Union Gas Limited for an Order approving a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct works to supply natural gas in the unincorporated Township of Poitras.

APPLICATION (Updated)

1. Union Gas Limited ("Union"), a regulated public utility, is a corporation incorporated under the laws of the Province of Ontario, with its head office at the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, in the Province of Ontario.
2. On August 19, 2016, Union was directed by the Ontario Energy Board to file a report by December 31, 2016 confirming that Union has obtained Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity covering the geographic areas in which its facilities are located. If during its investigation facilities are found to be located in areas where it does not hold Certificate rights, Union is to advise the Board as to where the infrastructure is located and to provide a plan to rectify the situation.
3. During its investigation of Certificates, Union has identified 70 customers being served within the unincorporated community of Thorne which is within the unincorporated Township of Poitras in the Nipissing District of Northeastern Ontario. Thorne is located at the northernmost end of Highway 63, just across the Ottawa River from Temiscaming, Québec and approximately 63 km northeast of North Bay.
4. In June 1979, TransCanada Pipelines applied to the National Energy Board for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct a 39.5 kilometre transmission pipeline (the Temiscaming Extension) commencing at the North Bay Compressor Station to a proposed meter station in the unincorporated Township of Poitras, in the vicinity of Thorne.
5. The additional facilities TransCanada planned to build would enable Northern and Central Gas to serve Thorne and allow Northern and Central Gas' subsidiary Le Gaz to serve Temiscaming. In its application, TransCanada noted that Northern and Central Gas would be applying for regulatory approvals to serve Thorne. In both its application and a sales contract with Northern and Central Gas, TransCanada stated that it had also agreed to sell gas to Northern and Central Gas to serve Thorne and Temiscaming. The major portion of the requirements for Temiscaming would be sold to the pulp and paper company Tembec.

6. In June 1979, Champion Pipeline applied to the National Energy Board for approval to construct and operate a town border station in the unincorporated Township of Poitras adjacent to TransCanada's proposed meter station, as well as a 1.8 kilometre transmission pipeline from the proposed town border station across the Ontario-Québec interprovincial border to the facilities of Le Gaz Provincial du Nord de Québec to be constructed in the Town of Temiscaming, Québec.
7. In January 1980, the National Energy Board determined that both the TCPL and Champion Pipeline proposed pipeline facilities were and will be required by the present and future public convenience and necessity. In 1985, Northern and Central (then known as ICG Utilities) sold its interest in Champion Pipeline and Le Gaz to Gaz Métro.
8. In March 1980, Northern and Central Gas applied to the Ontario Energy Board for an Order fixing the rates and other charges to be paid by consumers of natural gas in the unincorporated Township of Poitras. The proposed rates were approved in July 1980 per Order E.B.R.O. 364-II-8. The rates charged to customers within Thorne would be the same as the rates and charges applied to other customers operating in the Northern Zone.
9. Service to approximately 12 customers within the unincorporated community of Thorne was initiated in 1980 shortly after the Ontario Energy Board approved a tariff to serve these customers. There is no record of a Certificate being issued to Union for the unincorporated Township of Poitras or Thorne.
10. Attached hereto and marked as Schedules "A(1)" and "A(2)" are maps showing the location of the unincorporated Township of Poitras as well as customer density and metes & bounds descriptions of the area within the unincorporated Township of Poitras in which Union has facilities and provides service to end-use customers. The proposed Certificate area boundary starts at the TransCanada Pipeline and extends 250m west and 150m east of Highway 63 and extends to the north to include the Ottawa River Crossing to Long Sault Island as well as Long Sault Island.
11. Union has a Franchise Agreement (RP-2000-0080 / EB-2000-0215) with and Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (FBC 21) for the City of North Bay which is the closest municipality to the unincorporated Township of Poitras.
12. Union is submitting this application for an Order under Section 8 of the *Municipal Franchises Act* based on the assumption that the doctrine of jurisdiction by necessary implication gives the Ontario Energy Board jurisdiction to issue a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity in respect of an unincorporated territory.
13. The address of Union's district office is:

Union Gas Limited
36 Charles Street East
North Bay, Ontario P1B 8K7
Attention: Chris Minor, District Manager, Northeast
Telephone: (705) 475-7914
Email: cminor@uniongas.com

14. Union now applies to the Ontario Energy Board for an Order pursuant to Section 8 of the *Municipal Franchises Act* approving a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the unincorporated Township of Poitras.

DATED at the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, in the Province of Ontario this 13th day of March, 2018.

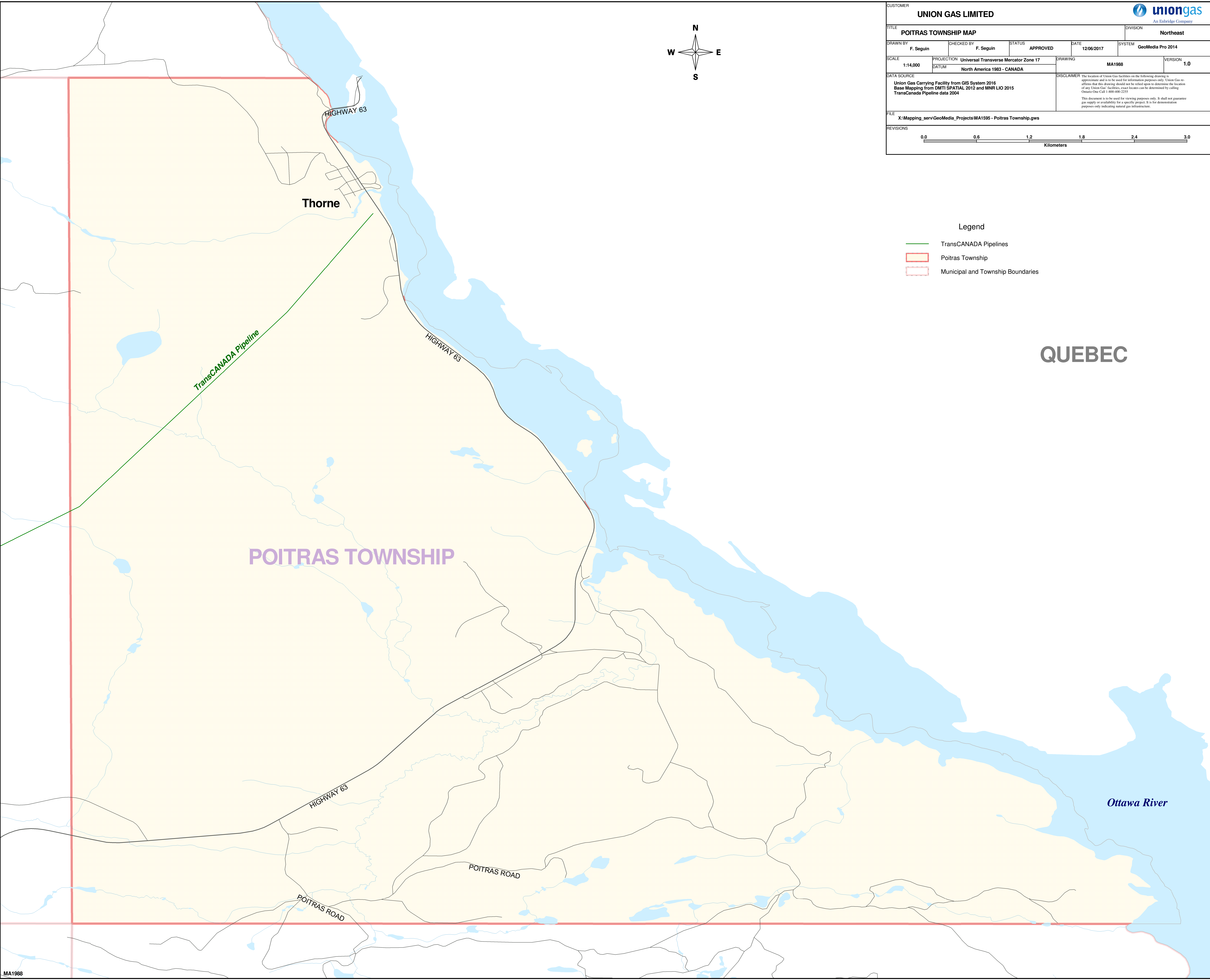
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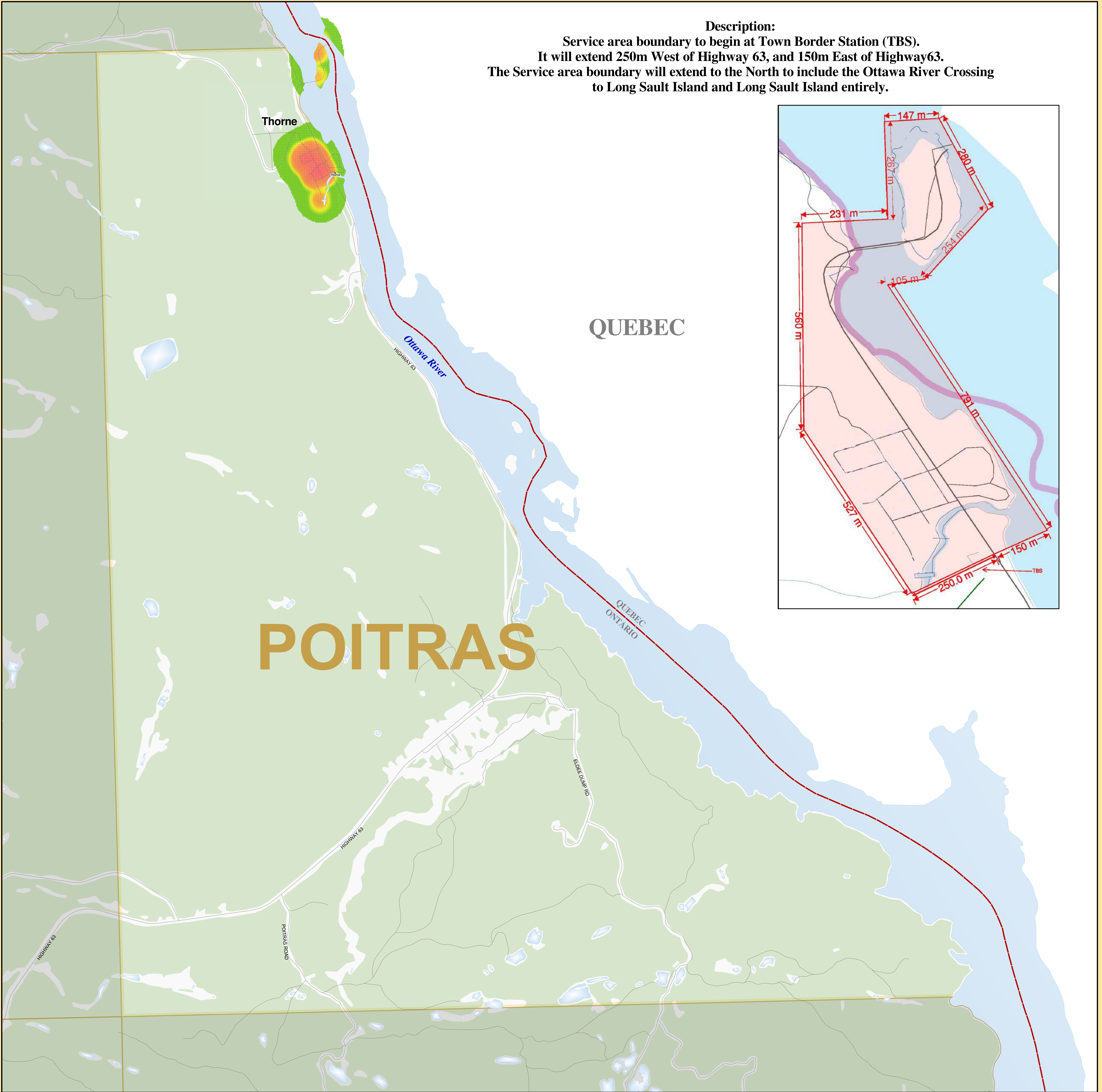
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Comments respecting this Application should be directed to:

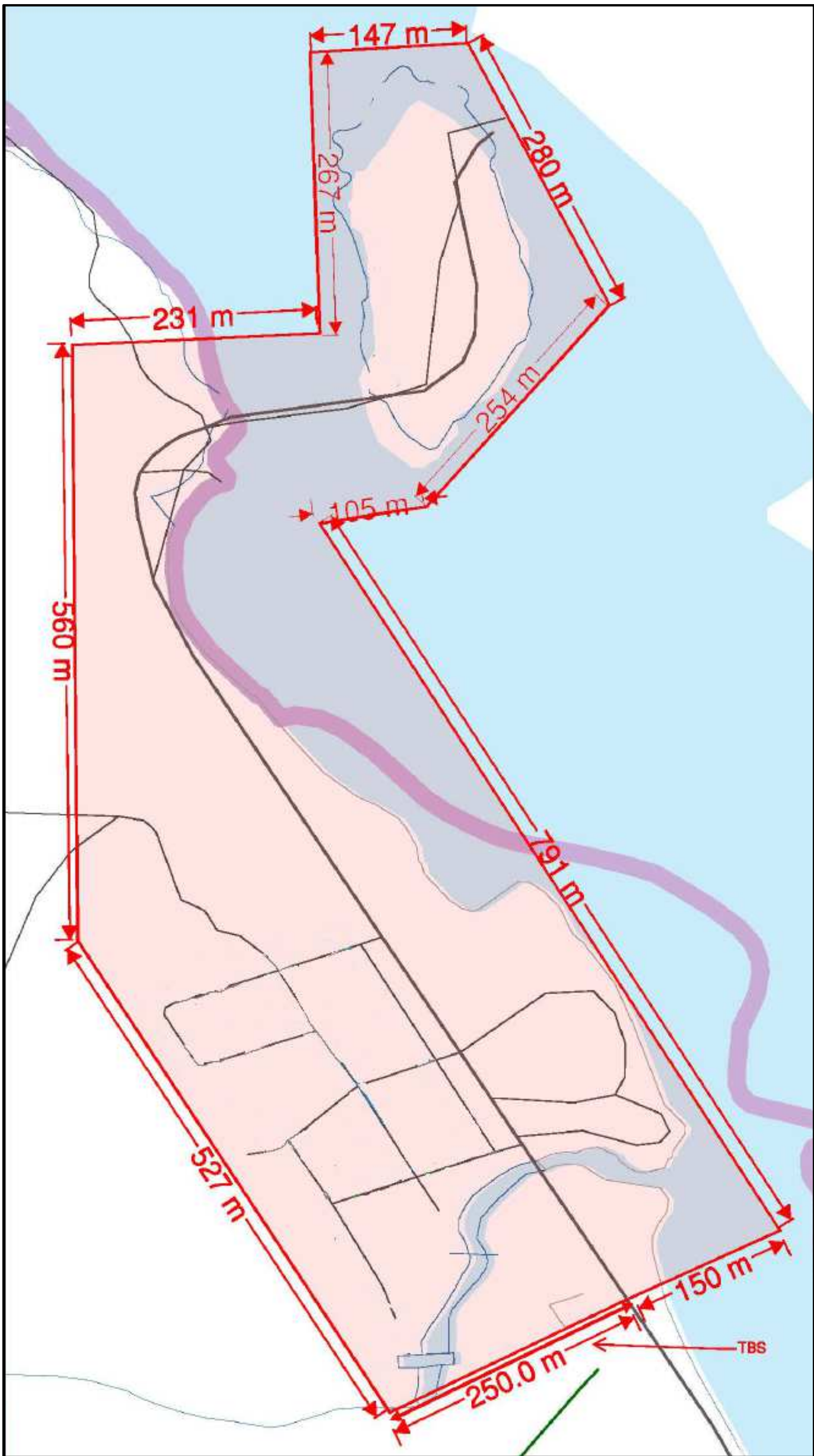
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Union Gas Carrying Facility from GIS System 2016 Base Mapping from DM11 SPATIAL 2012 and MNR LIO 2015 TransCanada Pipeline data 2004				The location of Union Gas facilities on the following drawing is approximate and is to be used for information purposes only. Union Gas re-affirms that this drawing should not be relied upon to determine the location of any Union Gas facilities, exact locates can be determined by calling Customer Care Call 1-800-465-2255. This document is to be used for viewing purposes only. It shall not guarantee gas supply or availability for a specific project. It is for demonstration purposes only indicating natural gas infrastructure.			
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Description:
Service area boundary to begin at Town Border Station (TBS).
It will extend 250m West of Highway 63, and 150m East of Highway 63.
The Service area boundary will extend to the North to include the Ottawa River Crossing
to Long Sault Island and Long Sault Island entirely.

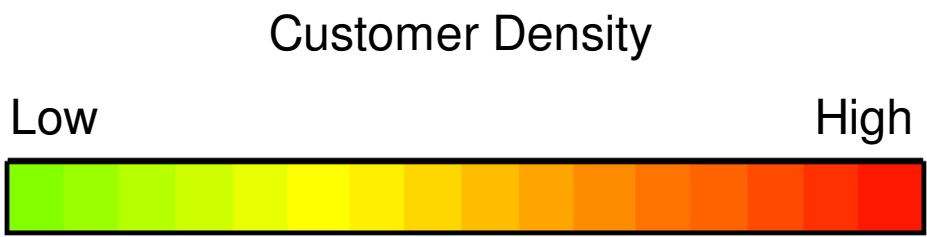


POITRAS TOWNSHIP



Legend

- Union Gas Pipeline Coverage Area
- Poitras Township
- Roads
- Railway
- Municipal and Township Boundaries
- First Nation Boundaries



Disclaimer:
The map is provided with no warranty express or Implied and is subject to change at any time. Any Person using the Density Map shall do so at its own Risk and the Density Map is not intended in any way As a tool to locate underground infrastructure for the purposes of excavation

