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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

FRANCHISE APPROVAL AND APPROVAL TO CANCEL, REPLACE AND EXPAND CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST PERTH

Union Gas Limited ("Union") has filed an application, dated February 27, 2003, (the "Application") with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") under the *Municipal Franchises Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.55, as amended, for an order of the Board approving the terms and conditions upon which and the period for which the Corporation of the Township of West Perth (the "Corporation"), is by by-law (the "By-law") to grant to Union the right to construct and operate works for the distribution of gas, and to extend and add to the works in the Township of West Perth (the "Municipality").

Union has also applied for an order of the Board declaring and directing that the assent of the electors of the Municipality to the By-law is not necessary.

On January 1, 1998, the Township of Hibbert, the Township of Logan, the Township of Fullarton, and the Township of Mitchell were amalgamated to form the Township of West Perth.

Union is presently serving the Municipality and has Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Municipality (Township of Hibbert F.B.C. 249 and F.B.C. 268; Township of Logan F.B.C. 254; Township of Fullarton F.B.C. 248; Township of Mitchell F.B.C. 243 and F.B.C. 268). Union's franchise agreement with the Corporation expires on July 31, 2003.

Union has also filed with the Board an application dated February 27, 2003, for an order of the Board that cancels the existing Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and replaces these with a new Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity which would include the area of the former municipalities which are now part of the Township of West Perth (the "Certificate Application"). The Board has assigned File No. EB-2003-0053 to this Certificate Application.

Copies of the Application and the Certificate Application are available for inspection at: the Board's office, Union's head office, Union's district office and the Municipality's office, at the addresses indicated below.

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If you wish to participate in this proceeding you must make a written submission to the Board Sec-

retary within 14 calendar days of the publication of this Notice. Information on how to participate may be obtained by calling the Board's Customer Service Centre toll-free at 1-877-632-2727, by email at Boardsec@oeb.gov.on.ca or from the frequently asked questions (FAQ) section of the Board's Web site at www.oeb.gov.on.ca. A copy of your submission must also be sent to Union and the Municipality.

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