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



EB-2017-0232

EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership

Application for municipal franchise agreement with the County of Oxford

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2

May 30, 2018

EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership (EPCOR) is seeking an order of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB), pursuant to the *Municipal Franchises Act*, approving EPCOR's proposed franchise agreement with the County of Oxford.¹

The OEB issued a Notice of Hearing on February 2, 2018. Union Gas Limited (Union Gas) is an intervenor in the proceeding.

Procedural Order No. 1 was issued April 19, 2018, establishing dates for the filing of interrogatories, responses to interrogatories and final written submissions.

EPCOR filed its response to the interrogatories of OEB staff and Union on May 17, 2018. Subsequently, on May 25, 2018, Union Gas filed a motion with the OEB to compel EPCOR to answer certain interrogatories posed by Union. Specifically, the motion is for an order requiring EPCOR to provide full and adequate responses to Union Gas interrogatories 1(c) and 2(d), and allowing Union Gas to file its written submissions on the application five days after EPCOR provides full and adequate responses to those interrogatories.

¹ The application was originally filed by Natural Resource Gas Limited (NRG) on August 24, 2017, under section 9 of the *Municipal Franchises Act.* NRG was acquired by EPCOR in November 2017.

On May 28, 2018, EPCOR filed a letter in response to the motion indicating that, in EPCOR's view, and given that the letter provides additional information with respect to Union interrogatories 1(c) and 2(d), the motion is not necessary to resolve these matters.

However, in the absence of having received confirmation or other response from Union in regards to the necessity of the motion, the OEB will proceed with hearing the motion, in writing.

The OEB considers it necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding. The OEB may issue further procedural orders from time to time.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- The moving party, Union Gas Limited, shall file any additional material that it intends to rely on for this motion with the OEB and copy all parties by June 1, 2018.
- EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership shall file any additional material that it intends to rely on for this motion with the OEB and copy all parties by June 8, 2018.
- 3. EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership and OEB staff may file a submission in relation to the motion and copy all parties by **June 15, 2018.**
- 4. Union Gas Limited shall file any reply submission with the OEB and copy all parties by **June 22, 2018**.
- 5. The dates of May 31, 2018 and June 14, 2018 for the filing of submissions and reply submission, respectively, as set out in Procedural Order No. 1 are cancelled.

All filings to the OEB must quote the file number, EB-2017-0232 and be made electronically in searchable / unrestricted PDF format through the OEB's web portal at https://pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/. Two paper copies must also be filed. Filings must clearly state the sender's name, postal address and telephone number, fax number and e-mail address. Parties must use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guideline found at https://www.oeb.ca/industry. If the web portal is not available parties may email their documents to the address below. Those who do not have internet access are required

to submit all filings on a CD in PDF format, along with two paper copies. Those who do not have computer access are required to file 7 paper copies.

All communications should be directed to the attention of the Registrar at the address below, and be received no later than 4:45 p.m. on the required date.

ADDRESS

Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319 2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor Toronto ON M4P 1E4 Attention: Board Secretary

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DATED at Toronto, May 30, 2018

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