

June 12, 2018

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

Dear Ms. Walli:

# Re: Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Unincorporated Township of Schwenger- Board File No. EB-2017-0115

As per the Board's Letter of Direction dated June 8, 2018, enclosed is my Affidavit of Service and Publication in regard to the above-noted proceeding.

Yours truly,

[Original Signed By]

Gary Collins Analyst II Regulatory Research Regulatory Research and Records

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**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 to issue a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct works to supply natural gas in the Unincorporated Township of Schwenger.

### -: AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE:-

I, Gary Collins, of the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex, in the Province of Ontario, make oath and say as follows:

- 1. I am an employee in the Head Office of Union Gas Limited, the Applicant in the matter referred to in the preamble to this my Affidavit and I have personal knowledge of the matters herein deposed to.
- 2. By Courier, at Chatham, Ontario, on June 11, 2018, I did cause to be sent to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry a true copy of the Notice of Hearing issued by the Board on June 8, 2018 to the above preamble and a covering letter, attached hereto as Exhibit "A".
- 3. By Courier, at Chatham, Ontario, on June 11, 2018, I did cause to be sent to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs a true copy of the Notice of Hearing issued by the Board on June 8, 2018 to the above preamble and a covering letter, attached hereto as Exhibit "B".
- 4. Pursuant to the June 8, 2018, Letter of Direction, attached hereto and marked as Exhibit "C" is a print screen providing proof of information posted to the Union Gas Limited website on June 11, 2018 for public review at http://www.uniongas.com/aboutus/ regulatory/franchises
- 5. I make this Affidavit in good faith and for no improper purpose.

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SWORN BEFORE ME, at the Municipality of Chatham-Kent in the Province of Ontario, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018)

[Original Signed By] Gary Collins

[Original Signed By] A Commissioner, etc.



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Matt Myers, District Resource Operations Supervisor Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, Fort Frances District Office 922 Scott Street Fort Frances, ON P9A 1J4

Dear Mr. Myers:

# RE: Notice of Application Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity The Unincorporated Township of Schwenger. Ontario Energy Board File Number: EB-2017-0115

In accordance with instructions set out by the Ontario Energy Board's Letter of Direction dated June 8, 2018, Union Gas now serves upon you a copy of the Notice of Application together with a copy of the relevant Application for approval of the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Unincorporated Township of Schwenger.

The Ontario Energy Board will be arranging for publication of this Notice of Application in the *Atikokan Progress* on June 25, 2018.

Yours very truly,

[Original Signed By]

Patrick McMahon Supervisor, Regulatory Research and Records <u>pmcmahon@uniongas.com</u> (519) 436-5325

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June 11, 2018

Robert Eady, Planner Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Northern Municipal Services Office 435 James Street South, Suite 223 Thunder Bay, ON P7E 6S7

Dear Mr. Eady:

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# **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE**

### Union Gas Limited has applied for approval of a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the unincorporated Township of Schwenger.

### Learn more. Have your say.

Union Gas Limited has applied to the Ontario Energy Board for an order granting Union Gas Limited a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct works to supply natural gas in the unincorporated Township of Schwenger.

#### THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD IS HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING

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

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.

#### CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

In order to distribute natural gas in Ontario, a person must comply with the requirements of the *Municipal Franchises Act*. This Act requires that a person that intends to distribute natural gas within a municipality must first receive approval from the OEB, in the form of a certificate of public convenience and necessity. Where the OEB has issued a certificate for an area but there is currently no natural gas distribution service, another person can apply for a certificate to serve that area. The OEB also regulates the distribution of natural gas within unincorporated townships and unorganized areas in the same manner.

With respect to the unincorporated Township of Schwenger, facilities providing natural gas service to an end user were put in place prior to Union Gas requesting and receiving approval from the OEB in the form of a certificate. This application addresses this situation.

#### **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 application filed by Union Gas 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 July 5, 2018 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.

The OEB does not intend to provide for an award of costs for this hearing.

#### LEARN MORE

Our file number for this case is **EB-2017-0115**. 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 the file number **EB-2017-0115** on the OEB website: **www.oeb.ca/participate**. 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 intends to proceed with this application by way of a written hearing. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **July 5, 2018.** 

#### 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 of the Municipal Franchises Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.M.55.





March 13, 2018

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

Dear Ms. Walli:

## Re: Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Unincorporated Township of Schwenger OEB File Number: EB-2017-0115

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 Schwenger.

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

Yours truly,

[Original signed by]

Patrick McMahon Manager, Regulatory Research and Records <u>pmcmahon@uniongas.com</u> (519) 436-5325

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### **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 Schwenger.

### **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 investigations of Certificates, Union identified the Township of Schwenger as an unincorporated / unorganized area in the Northwest service area where Union has infrastructure in place and has been providing service to a customer since 1982. There is no record of a Certificate being issued to Union for the unincorporated Township of Schwenger.
- 4. Attached hereto and marked as Schedules "A(1)" and "A(2)" are maps showing the location of the unincorporated / unorganized Township of Schwenger as well as customer density and metes & bounds descriptions of the area within the unincorporated / unorganized Township of Schwenger in which Union has facilities and provides service to an end-use customer. The proposed Certificate area boundary covers an area 2350m x 300m running 1550m west of the Town Border Station and 800m east of the Town Border Station.
- Union has a Franchise Agreement (EB-2016-0053) with and Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (EBC 46) for the Township of Atikokan which is the closest municipality to the unincorporated Township of Schwenger.
- 6. 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.

7. 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 Fax: (705) 474-1737 Email: <u>cminor@uniongas.com</u>

8. Union now applies to the Ontario Energy Board for an Order pursuant to Section 8 of the *Municipal Franchises Act* for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for the unincorporated / unorganized Township of Schwenger.

**DATED** at the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, in the Province of Ontario this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018.

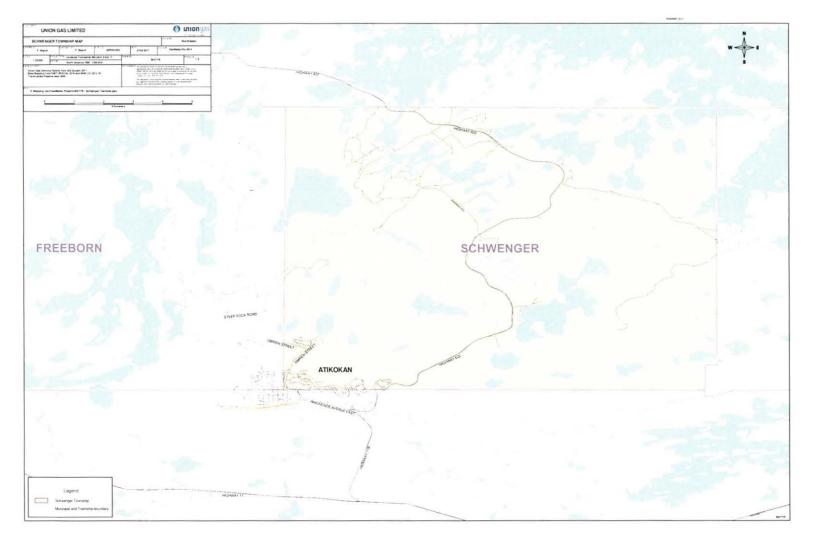
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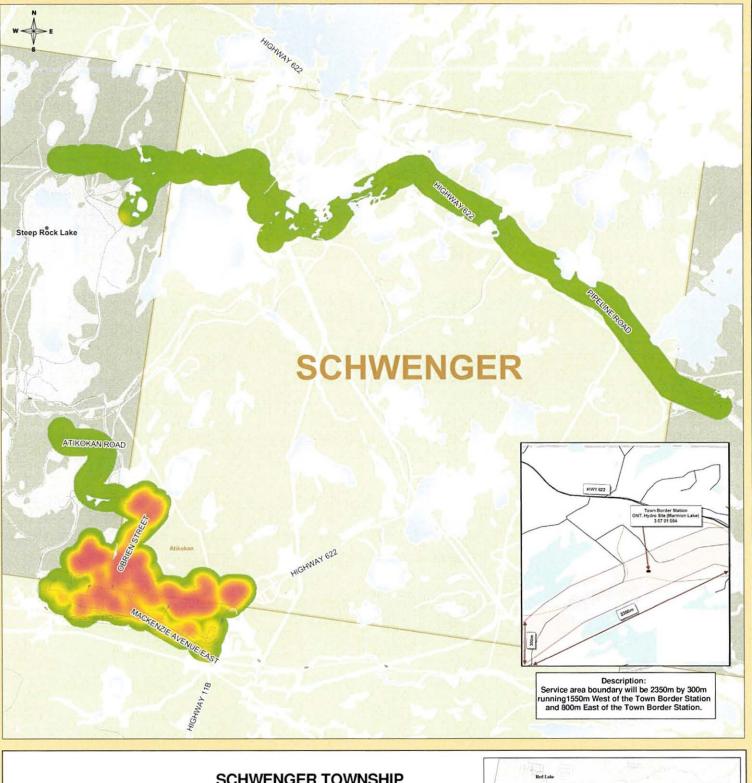
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Patrick McMahon Manager, Regulatory Research and Records

Comments respecting this Application should be directed to:

Mr. Patrick McMahon Manager, Regulatory Research and Records Union Gas Limited 50 Keil Drive North Chatham, ON N7M 5M1 <u>pmcmahon@uniongas.com</u> Telephone: (519) 436-5325





# SCHWENGER TOWNSHIP



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





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Union Gas Pipeline Coverage Area Schwenger Township Roads

Railway Municipal and Township Boundaries

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