

# ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE

**Union Gas Limited has applied for approval of certificates of public convenience and necessity for each of the following unincorporated communities:  
Township of Buller and Township of Redvers (Kenora District);  
Township of Hanniwell and Township of Pyramid (Thunder Bay District);  
Township of Freeborn, Township of McCaul, Township of Ramsay Wright and  
unsurveyed District of Rainy River (District of Rainy River).**

**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 Buller and Township of Redvers (Kenora District); Township of Hanniwell and Township of Pyramid (Thunder Bay District); Township of Freeborn, Township of McCaul, Township of Ramsay Wright and unsurveyed District of Rainy River (District of Rainy River).

## 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 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 8 unincorporated communities that are subject of this application, facilities 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 3, 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-2017-0109**. 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-2017-0109** on the OEB website: **[www.oeb.ca/participate](http://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 3, 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.*



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