

July 24, 2018

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

Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity
Unincorporated Townships of Sapawe and Hutchinson
Board File – EB-2017-0116

As per the Board's Letter of Direction dated July 19, 2018 with respect to the approval of the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Unincorporated Townships of Sapawe and Hutchinson enclosed is my Affidavit of Service in regard to the abovenoted proceeding.

Yours truly,

[Original signed by]

Gary Collins Sr. Analyst 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 Townships of Sapawe and Hutchinson.

#### -: 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 July 23, 2018 I did cause to be sent to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry a true copy of the Decision and Order issued by the Board on July 19, 2018, to the above preamble and a covering letter, attached hereto as Exhibit "A".
- 3. By Courier, at Chatham, Ontario, on July 23, 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 July 19, 2018 to the above preamble and a cover letter, attached hereto as Exhibit "B".
- 4. The courier bill of lading is attached hereto as Exhibit "C".
- 5. I make this Affidavit in good faith and for no improper purpose.

SWORN BEFORE ME, at the	)
Municipality of Chatham-Kent	)
in the Province of Ontario,	)
this 24 <sup>th</sup> day of July, 2018.	) [Original signed by]
	Gary Collins

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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: Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

Unincorporated Townships of Sapawe and Hutchinson Ontario Energy Board File Number: EB-2017-0116

The Ontario Energy Board has issued its Decision and Order dated July 19, 2018 which approves the above-noted Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. Union now serves upon you a copy of the Decision and Order.

As outlined in the Decision and Order, the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity is limited to the area within the Unincorporated Townships of Sapawe and Hutchinson within which Union currently has facilities in place.

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

Yours truly,

[Original signed by]

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

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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 Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario

# DECISION AND ORDER EB-2017-0116

# **UNION GAS LIMITED**

Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Township of Sapawe and the Township of Hutchinson

By Delegation, before: Pascale Duguay

July 19, 2018

#### INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

This Decision and Order grants a certificate of public convenience and necessity under the *Municipal Franchises Act* to Union Gas Limited (Union Gas), for a limited area within the Township of Sapawe and the Township of Hutchinson, each of which are unincorporated townships.

#### THE PROCESS

Union Gas applied on February 27, 2017 under section 8 of the *Municipal Franchises Act* for an order of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) granting Union Gas a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct works to supply gas in the Township of Sapawe and the Township of Hutchinson.

By letter dated May 24, 2017, the OEB put the application on hold pending the completion of the South Bruce Expansion Proceeding.<sup>1</sup>

Union Gas filed an updated application on March 22, 2018.

The OEB held a written hearing. A Notice of Hearing was published in the local newspaper on June 18, 2018. The Ministry of Natural Resources and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, which serve as authorities for public lands and for areas with ministerial zoning orders within unincorporated townships, such as the Township of Sapawe and the Township of Hutchinson, were served with a copy of the application and Notice of Hearing. There were no intervenors.

#### THE APPLICATION

Union Gas is a corporation incorporated under the laws of the Province of Ontario, with its head office in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent.

The Township of Sapawe and the Township of Hutchinson are unincorporated townships in the Rainy River District of Northwestern Ontario.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Decision and Order, EB-2016-0137, EB-2016-0138 and EB-2016-0139, issued April 12, 2018.

On August 19, 2016, Union Gas was directed by the OEB to file a report confirming that the utility had obtained certificates of public convenience and necessity covering the geographic areas in which its facilities are located.

During its investigation, Union Gas identified a customer being served within the Township of Sapawe and the Township of Hutchinson since 1968. Union Gas was granted a certificate (E.B.C. 73, dated November 18, 1968) to provide service to this customer who, at the time, was identified to be within the Township of Hutchinson. Union Gas noted in its updated application that it is more accurate to refer to this customer being within the Township of Sapawe. The Township of Sapawe is surrounded by the Township of Hutchinson, in which Union Gas has additional facilities in place, but from which no end-use customers are provided service. There is no record of a certificate being issued to Union Gas for the Township of Sapawe and the Township of Hutchinson other than the customer-specific E.B.C. 73.

Union Gas applied for a certificate for the Township of Sapawe and the Township of Hutchinson limited to the area necessary to serve the existing customer and facilities. Union Gas also applied for the cancellation of E.B.C. 73.

Initially, Union Gas supplied a map identifying all of its existing gas mains in the Township of Sapawe and the Township of Hutchinson. Union Gas requested confidential treatment for the gas mains map, pursuant to the OEB's *Practice Direction on Confidential Filings*. The grounds for its confidential treatment included that the information contained therein is proprietary and subject to periodic change; and that it contains highly sensitive information from public safety, system security and customer personal information perspectives.

In accordance with the OEB's direction, Union Gas updated its application by filing a customer density map and a written metes and bounds description of the area for which it was seeking a certificate.

The metes and bounds descriptions for the areas for which Union Gas is requesting a certificate are as follows:

- Township of Sapawe: The boundary area that is 2,400 m x 300 m from GPS coordinates (48.768606, -91.340431) to GPS coordinates (48.783437, -91.342376)
- Township of Hutchinson: The boundary area that is 12,503 m x 300 m from GPS coordinates (48.846055, -91.249353) to GPS coordinates (48.783237, -91.359576)

#### OEB FINDINGS

I approve the application for the following reasons.

The OEB has jurisdiction under section 8 of the *Municipal Franchises Act* to grant certificates of public convenience and necessity to an entity proposing to construct works to supply or to supply gas in an unorganized territory, such as the Township of Sapawe and the Township of Hutchinson.<sup>2</sup>

I find that it is in the public interest for Union Gas to continue to provide gas service to the affected customer and facilities in the Township of Sapawe and the Township of Hutchinson and, therefore, will approve the certificate as requested by Union Gas.

I find that the customer density map submitted by Union Gas on March 22, 2018 adequately serves the purpose of the information being sought by the OEB in this proceeding; namely, to accurately inform the OEB of the distributor's service boundaries in the Township of Sapawe and the Township of Hutchinson. Given the sufficiency of the customer density map in meeting the OEB's purposes for deciding the application, the gas mains map will not be placed on the record of this proceeding.

#### IT IS ORDERED THAT:

The certificate of public convenience and necessity, attached as Schedule A to
this Decision and Order, is granted to Union Gas Limited to construct works to
supply gas in the Township of Sapawe and the Township of Hutchinson, limited to
the boundaries of Union Gas Limited's existing service area, as outlined in the
map attached as Schedule B hereto.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Decision with Reasons, E.B.C. 211 (at para. 1.3.19), issued November 29, 1994.

- 2. Union Gas' certificate of public convenience and necessity for the Township of Hutchison (E.B.C. 73) is cancelled.
- 3. Union Gas Limited shall pay the OEB's costs incidental to this proceeding upon receipt of the OEB's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, July 19, 2018

#### **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Original signed by

Pascale Duguay Manager, Application Policy and Climate Change

#### SCHEDULE A

#### EB-2017-0116

**DATED: July 19, 2018** 

**Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity** 

## **Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity**

The Ontario Energy Board grants

### **Union Gas Limited**

approval under section 8 of the *Municipal Franchises Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.55, as amended, to construct works to supply gas to the

# Township of Sapawe and the Township of Hutchinson

limited to the area outlined in the map attached to this Decision and Order as Schedule B.

DATED at Toronto, July 19, 2018

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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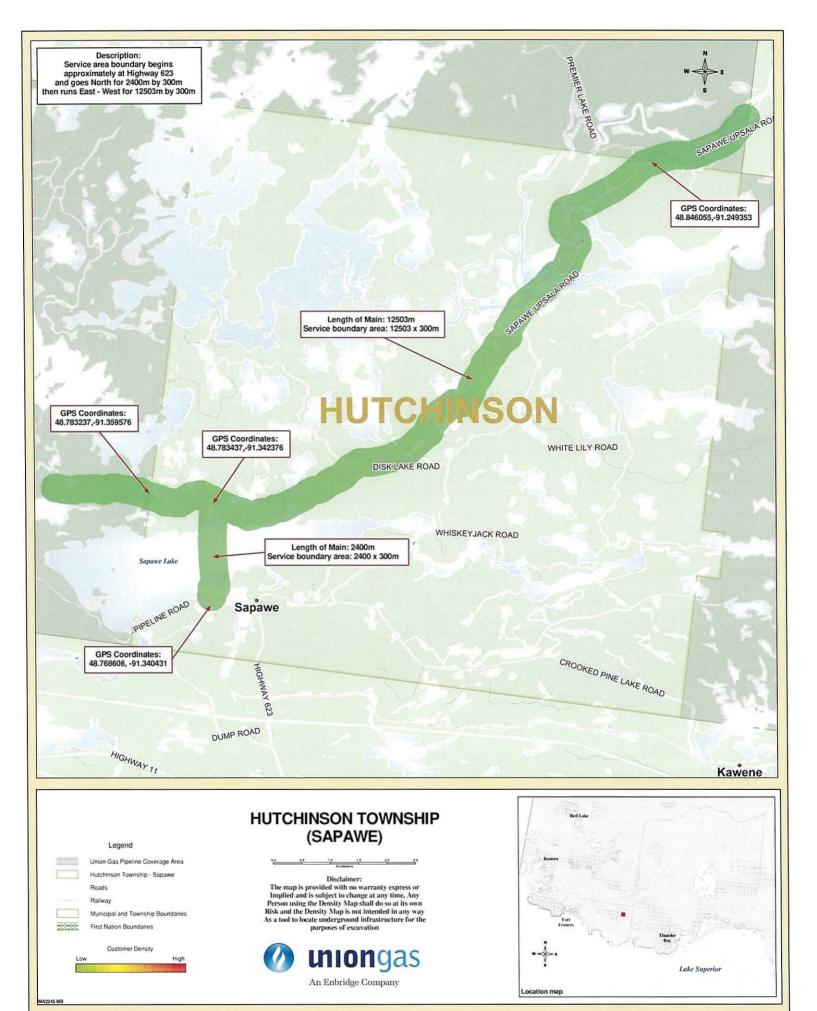
Pascale Duguay
Manager, Application Policy and Climate Change

#### **SCHEDULE B**

#### EB-2017-0116

**DATED: July 19, 2018** 

Map of Union Gas Limited's Authorized Service Area in the Township of Sapawe and the Township of Hutchinson



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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



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