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

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Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Franchise Agreement  
Corporation of the Town of Hanover  
Board File No. EB-2007-0944**

As per the Board's Letter of Direction dated March 6, 2008 with respect to approval of the Franchise Agreement, enclosed is my Affidavit of Service confirming that Union has served the Town of Hanover with the Decision and Order for the above-noted proceeding.

Yours truly,

*Joanne Clark*

Joanne Clark  
Senior Clerk  
Regulatory Affairs

Encl.

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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 approving the terms and conditions upon which, and the period for which the Corporation of the Town of Hanover is, by by-law, to grant to Union Gas Limited the right to construct and operate works for the distribution, transmission and storage of natural gas and the right to extend and add to the works in the Town of Hanover;

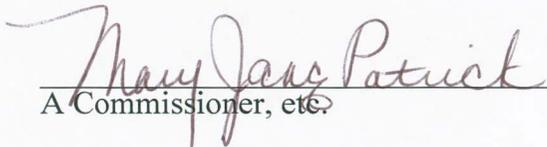
**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an Application by Union Gas Limited for an Order directing and declaring that the assent of the municipal electors of the Town of Hanover to the by-law is not necessary.

**-: AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE :-**

I, Joanne Clark, of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, 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-Kent, Ontario, on March 7, 2008, I did cause to be sent to the Corporation of the Town of Hanover a true copy of the Decision and Order issued by the Board on March 6, 2008 which approved the Franchise Agreement, to the above preamble and a covering letter, attached hereto as Exhibit "A".
3. The courier bill of lading is attached hereto as Exhibit "B".
4. 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2008 )  
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A Commissioner, etc.

  
Joanne Clark

MARY JANE PATRICK, a Commissioner, etc.,  
of the Province of Ontario, for Westcoast Energy Inc.  
and its Subsidiaries and Affiliates.  
Expires November 23, 2008.



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Mr. William Roberts, CAO/Clerk  
The Corporation of the Town of Hanover  
341 – 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Hanover, ON N4N 1P5

THIS IS EXHIBIT "A" TO THE AFFIDAVIT  
OF JOANNE CLARK

SWORN BEFORE ME THIS 7 DAY OF  
March 2008

*Mary Jane Patrick*  
A COMMISSIONER, ETC.

MARY JANE DOROTHY PATRICK, a Commissioner, etc.,  
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Dear Mr. Roberts:

**RE: Approval of Franchise Agreement  
The Corporation of the Town of Hanover  
Ontario Energy Board File No. – EB-2007-0944**

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The Ontario Energy Board has issued its Decision and Order dated March 6, 2008 which approves the above-noted Franchise Agreement. Union now serves upon you a copy of the Decision and Order.

Enclosed are four (4) copies of the Franchise Agreement and four (4) copies of the By-law to authorize the Franchise Agreement. We ask that you please request your Council to give the By-law third and final reading and return **all four (4)** executed copies of the Franchise Agreement and By-law to my attention.

Upon receipt of the above, Union Gas will execute the Franchise Agreement and return one (1) executed copy of the Franchise Agreement and corresponding By-law to your attention.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Yours very truly,

*[Original signed by]*

Patrick McMahon  
Manager, Regulatory Research and Records

Encl.



EB-2007-0944

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**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an application by Union Gas Limited for an order approving the terms and conditions upon which, and the period for which, the Corporation of the Town of Hanover is, by by-law, to grant to Union Gas Limited the right to construct and operate works for the distribution, transmission and storage of natural gas and the right to extend and add to the works in the Town of Hanover;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an application by Union Gas Limited for an order directing and declaring that the assent of the municipal electors of the Town of Hanover to the by-law is not necessary.

**By delegation, before:** Neil McKay

### DECISION AND ORDER

Union Gas Limited ( "Union" ) has filed an application dated December 11, 2007 with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") under section 9 of the *Municipal Franchises Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.55, as amended (the "Act"), for an order of the Board approving the terms and conditions upon which and the period for which the Corporation of the Town of Hanover (the "Corporation") is, by by-law, to grant to the Applicant the right to construct and operate works for the distribution of gas and the right to extend and add to the works in the Town of Hanover (the "Municipality"). The Applicant has also applied for an order of the Board declaring and directing that the assent of the municipal electors to the by-law is not necessary.

The Board has assigned file number EB-2007-0944 to this application.

Union submitted a resolution passed by the Council of the Municipality on November 12, 2007, approving the form of the draft by-law and requesting that the Board declare and direct that the assent of the municipal electors to the by-law is not necessary.

The Board's Notice of Application and Hearing was published on January 11, 2008. There were no intervenors.

Union has a Franchise Agreement with the Municipality (E.B.A.636) effective April 5, 1993, which expires April 5, 2008. Union also has a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, E.B.C. 29 granting Union the right to construct works to supply natural gas within the said Municipality.

Union has Certificates and Franchise Agreements for the former Township of Bentinck, the former Town of Durham, the former Township of Glenelg and the former Township of Normanby (now the Municipality of West Grey); the Municipality of South Bruce; and the former Township of Brant and the former Town of Walkerton (now the Municipality of Brockton) which are immediately adjacent to the Municipality. There is no other natural gas utility, other than Union Gas Limited, in this area.

The proposed franchise agreement is in the form of the 2000 Model Franchise Agreement approved by the Board as a standard form of agreement.

Based on the information provided in the application, granting the orders requested is in the public interest. Further, in all the circumstances, the assent of the municipal electors can properly be dispensed with.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. The terms and conditions upon which, and the period for which, the Corporation of the Town of Hanover is, by by-law, to grant to Union Gas Limited, the right to construct and operate works for the distribution, transmission and storage of natural gas and the right to extend and add to the works, as set out in the franchise agreement attached as Appendix A, are approved.
2. The assent of the municipal electors of the Town of Hanover to the by-law is not necessary.

**DATED** at Toronto, March 6, 2008  
ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

*Original signed by*

Neil McKay  
Manager, Facilities Applications

**APPENDIX "A"**  
**TO BOARD DECISION AND ORDER**  
**EB-2007-0944**

**DATED: March 6, 2008**

**FRANCHISE AGREEMENT**



Municipality or the person designated by such senior employee or such other person as may from time to time be designated by the Council of the Corporation;

- (c) "gas" means natural gas, manufactured gas, synthetic natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas or propane-air gas, or a mixture of any of them, but does not include a liquefied petroleum gas that is distributed by means other than a pipeline;
- (d) "gas system" means such mains, plants, pipes, conduits, services, valves, regulators, curb boxes, stations, drips or such other equipment as the Gas Company may require or deem desirable for the distribution, storage and transmission of gas in or through the Municipality;
- (e) "highway" means all common and public highways and shall include any bridge, viaduct or structure forming part of a highway, and any public square, road allowance or walkway and shall include not only the travelled portion of such highway, but also ditches, driveways, sidewalks, and sodded areas forming part of the road allowance now or at any time during the term hereof under the jurisdiction of the Corporation;
- (f) "Model Franchise Agreement" means the form of agreement which the Ontario Energy Board uses as a standard when considering applications under the *Municipal Franchises Act*. The Model Franchise Agreement may be changed from time to time by the Ontario Energy Board;
- (g) "Municipality" means the territorial limits of the Corporation on the date when this Agreement takes effect, and any territory which may thereafter be brought within the jurisdiction of the Corporation;
- (h) "Plan" means the plan described in Paragraph 5 of this Agreement required to be filed by the Gas Company with the Engineer/Road Superintendent prior to commencement of work on the gas system; and
- (i) whenever the singular, masculine or feminine is used in this Agreement, it shall be considered as if the plural, feminine or masculine has been used where the context of the Agreement so requires.

## Part II - Rights Granted

### 2. To provide gas service

The consent of the Corporation is hereby given and granted to the Gas Company to distribute, store and transmit gas in and through the Municipality to the Corporation and to the inhabitants of the Municipality.

### 3. To Use Highways

Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement the consent of the Corporation is hereby given and granted to the Gas Company to enter upon all highways now or at any time hereafter under the jurisdiction of the Corporation and to lay, construct, maintain, replace, remove, operate and repair a gas system for the distribution, storage and transmission of gas in and through the Municipality.

### 4. Duration of Agreement and Renewal Procedures

(a) If the Corporation has not previously received gas distribution services, the rights hereby given and granted shall be for a term of 20 years from the date of final passing of the By-law.

or

(b) If the Corporation has previously received gas distribution services, the rights hereby given and granted shall be for a term of 20 years from the date of final passing of the By-law provided that, if during the 20 year term of this Agreement, the Model Franchise Agreement is changed, then on the 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary and on the 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the date of the passing of the By-law, this Agreement shall be deemed to be amended to incorporate any changes in the Model Franchise Agreement in effect on such anniversary dates. Such deemed amendments shall not apply to alter the 20 year term.

(c) At any time within two years prior to the expiration of this Agreement, either party may give notice to the other that it desires to enter into negotiations for a renewed franchise upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon. Until such renewal has been settled, the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall continue, notwithstanding the expiration of this Agreement. This shall not preclude either party from applying to the Ontario Energy Board for a renewal of the Agreement pursuant to section 10 of the *Municipal Franchises Act*.

### Part III – Conditions

#### 5. Approval of Construction

- (a) The Gas Company shall not undertake any excavation, opening or work which will disturb or interfere with the surface of the travelled portion of any highway unless a permit therefore has first been obtained from the Engineer/Road Superintendent and all work done by the Gas Company shall be to his satisfaction.
- (b) Prior to the commencement of work on the gas system, or any extensions or changes to it (except service laterals which do not interfere with municipal works in the highway), the Gas Company shall file with the Engineer/Road Superintendent a Plan, satisfactory to the Engineer/Road Superintendent, drawn to scale and of sufficient detail considering the complexity of the specific locations involved, showing the highways in which it proposes to lay its gas system and the particular parts thereof it proposes to occupy.
- (c) The Plan filed by the Gas Company shall include geodetic information for a particular location:
  - (i) where circumstances are complex, in order to facilitate known projects, including projects which are reasonably anticipated by the Engineer/Road Superintendent, or
  - (ii) when requested, where the Corporation has geodetic information for its own services and all others at the same location.
- (d) The Engineer/Road Superintendent may require sections of the gas system to be laid at greater depth than required by the latest CSA standard for gas pipeline systems to facilitate known projects or to correct known highway deficiencies.
- (e) Prior to the commencement of work on the gas system, the Engineer/Road Superintendent must approve the location of the work as shown on the Plan filed by the Gas Company, the timing of the work and any terms and conditions relating to the installation of the work.
- (f) In addition to the requirements of this Agreement, if the Gas Company proposes to affix any part of the gas system to a bridge, viaduct or other structure, if the Engineer/Road Superintendent approves this proposal, he may require the Gas Company to comply with special conditions or to enter into a separate agreement as a condition of the approval of this part of the construction of the gas system.

- (g) Where the gas system may affect a municipal drain, the Gas Company shall also file a copy of the Plan with the Corporation's Drainage Superintendent for purposes of the *Drainage Act*, or such other person designated by the Corporation as responsible for the drain.
- (h) The Gas Company shall not deviate from the approved location for any part of the gas system unless the prior approval of the Engineer/Road Superintendent to do so is received.
- (i) The Engineer/Road Superintendent's approval, where required throughout this Paragraph, shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- (j) The approval of the Engineer/Road Superintendent is not a representation or warranty as to the state of repair of the highway or the suitability of the highway for the gas system.

**6. As Built Drawings**

The Gas Company shall, within six months of completing the installation of any part of the gas system, provide two copies of "as built" drawings to the Engineer/Road Superintendent. These drawings must be sufficient to accurately establish the location, depth (measurement between the top of the gas system and the ground surface at the time of installation) and distance of the gas system. The "as built" drawings shall be of the same quality as the Plan and, if the approved pre-construction plan included elevations that were geodetically referenced, the "as built" drawings shall similarly include elevations that are geodetically referenced. Upon the request of the Engineer/Road Superintendent, the Gas Company shall provide one copy of the drawings in an electronic format and one copy as a hard copy drawing.

**7. Emergencies**

In the event of an emergency involving the gas system, the Gas Company shall proceed with the work required to deal with the emergency, and in any instance where prior approval of the Engineer/Road Superintendent is normally required for the work, the Gas Company shall use its best efforts to immediately notify the Engineer/Road Superintendent of the location and nature of the emergency and the work being done and, if it deems appropriate, notify the police force, fire or other emergency services having jurisdiction. The Gas Company shall provide the Engineer/Road Superintendent with at least one 24 hour emergency contact for the Gas Company and shall ensure the contacts are current.

8. **Restoration**

The Gas Company shall well and sufficiently restore, to the reasonable satisfaction of the Engineer/Road Superintendent, all highways, municipal works or improvements which it may excavate or interfere with in the course of laying, constructing, repairing or removing its gas system, and shall make good any settling or subsidence thereafter caused by such excavation or interference. If the Gas Company fails at any time to do any work required by this Paragraph within a reasonable period of time, the Corporation may do or cause such work to be done and the Gas Company shall, on demand, pay the Corporation's reasonably incurred costs, as certified by the Engineer/Road Superintendent.

9. **Indemnification**

The Gas Company shall, at all times, indemnify and save harmless the Corporation from and against all claims, including costs related thereto, for all damages or injuries including death to any person or persons and for damage to any property, arising out of the Gas Company operating, constructing, and maintaining its gas system in the Municipality, or utilizing its gas system for the carriage of gas owned by others. Provided that the Gas Company shall not be required to indemnify or save harmless the Corporation from and against claims, including costs related thereto, which it may incur by reason of damages or injuries including death to any person or persons and for damage to any property, resulting from the negligence or wrongful act of the Corporation, its servants, agents or employees.

10. **Insurance**

- (a) The Gas Company shall maintain Comprehensive General Liability Insurance in sufficient amount and description as shall protect the Gas Company and the Corporation from claims for which the Gas Company is obliged to indemnify the Corporation under Paragraph 9. The insurance policy shall identify the Corporation as an additional named insured, but only with respect to the operation of the named insured (the Gas Company). The insurance policy shall not lapse or be cancelled without sixty (60) days' prior written notice to the Corporation by the Gas Company.
- (b) The issuance of an insurance policy as provided in this Paragraph shall not be construed as relieving the Gas Company of liability not covered by such insurance or in excess of the policy limits of such insurance.
- (c) Upon request by the Corporation, the Gas Company shall confirm that premiums for such insurance have been paid and that such insurance is in full force and effect.

## 11. **Alternative Easement**

The Corporation agrees, in the event of the proposed sale or closing of any highway or any part of a highway where there is a gas line in existence, to give the Gas Company reasonable notice of such proposed sale or closing and, if it is feasible, to provide the Gas Company with easements over that part of the highway proposed to be sold or closed sufficient to allow the Gas Company to preserve any part of the gas system in its then existing location. In the event that such easements cannot be provided, the Corporation and the Gas Company shall share the cost of relocating or altering the gas system to facilitate continuity of gas service, as provided for in Paragraph 12 of this Agreement.

## 12. **Pipeline Relocation**

- (a) If in the course of constructing, reconstructing, changing, altering or improving any highway or any municipal works, the Corporation deems that it is necessary to take up, remove or change the location of any part of the gas system, the Gas Company shall, upon notice to do so, remove and/or relocate within a reasonable period of time such part of the gas system to a location approved by the Engineer/Road Superintendent.
- (b) Where any part of the gas system relocated in accordance with this Paragraph is located on a bridge, viaduct or structure, the Gas Company shall alter or relocate that part of the gas system at its sole expense.
- (c) Where any part of the gas system relocated in accordance with this Paragraph is located other than on a bridge, viaduct or structure, the costs of relocation shall be shared between the Corporation and the Gas Company on the basis of the total relocation costs, excluding the value of any upgrading of the gas system, and deducting any contribution paid to the Gas Company by others in respect to such relocation; and for these purposes, the total relocation costs shall be the aggregate of the following:
  - (i) the amount paid to Gas Company employees up to and including field supervisors for the hours worked on the project plus the current cost of fringe benefits for these employees,
  - (ii) the amount paid for rental equipment while in use on the project and an amount, charged at the unit rate, for Gas Company equipment while in use on the project,
  - (iii) the amount paid by the Gas Company to contractors for work related to the project,

- (iv) the cost to the Gas Company for materials used in connection with the project, and
  - (v) a reasonable amount for project engineering and project administrative costs which shall be 22.5% of the aggregate of the amounts determined in items (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) above.
- (d) The total relocation costs as calculated above shall be paid 35% by the Corporation and 65% by the Gas Company, except where the part of the gas system required to be moved is located in an unassumed road or in an unopened road allowance and the Corporation has not approved its location, in which case the Gas Company shall pay 100% of the relocation costs.

#### **Part IV - Procedural And Other Matters**

##### **13. Municipal By-laws of General Application**

The Agreement is subject to the provisions of all regulating statutes and all municipal by-laws of general application, except by-laws which have the effect of amending this Agreement.

##### **14. Giving Notice**

Notices may be delivered to, sent by facsimile or mailed by prepaid registered post to the Gas Company at its head office or to the authorized officers of the Corporation at its municipal offices, as the case may be.

##### **15. Disposition of Gas System**

- (a) If the Gas Company decommissions part of its gas system affixed to a bridge, viaduct or structure, the Gas Company shall, at its sole expense, remove the part of its gas system affixed to the bridge, viaduct or structure.
- (b) If the Gas Company decommissions any other part of its gas system, it shall have the right, but is not required, to remove that part of its gas system. It may exercise its right to remove the decommissioned parts of its gas system by giving notice of its intention to do so by filing a Plan as required by Paragraph 5 of this Agreement for approval by the Engineer/Road Superintendent. If the Gas Company does not remove the part of the gas system it has decommissioned and the Corporation requires the removal of all or any part of the decommissioned gas system for the purpose of altering or improving a highway or in order to facilitate the construction of utility or other works in any highway, the Corporation may remove and dispose of so much of the decommissioned gas system as the Corporation may require for such purposes and neither party shall have recourse against the other for any

loss, cost, expense or damage occasioned thereby. If the Gas Company has not removed the part of the gas system it has decommissioned and the Corporation requires the removal of all or any part of the decommissioned gas system for the purpose of altering or improving a highway or in order to facilitate the construction of utility or other works in a highway, the Gas Company may elect to relocate the decommissioned gas system and in that event Paragraph 12 applies to the cost of relocation.

#### 16. Use of Decommissioned Gas System

- (a) The Gas Company shall provide promptly to the Corporation, to the extent such information is known:
  - (i) the names and addresses of all third parties who use decommissioned parts of the gas system for purposes other than the transmission or distribution of gas; and
  - (ii) the location of all proposed and existing decommissioned parts of the gas system used for purposes other than the transmission or distribution of gas.
- (b) The Gas Company may allow a third party to use a decommissioned part of the gas system for purposes other than the transmission or distribution of gas and may charge a fee for that third party use, provided
  - (i) the third party has entered into a municipal access agreement with the Corporation; and
  - (ii) the Gas Company does not charge a fee for the third party's right of access to the highways.
- (c) Decommissioned parts of the gas system used for purposes other than the transmission or distribution of gas are not subject to the provisions of this Agreement. For decommissioned parts of the gas system used for purposes other than the transmission and distribution of gas, issues such as relocation costs will be governed by the relevant municipal access agreement.

#### 17. Franchise Handbook

The Parties acknowledge that operating decisions sometimes require a greater level of detail than that which is appropriately included in this Agreement. The Parties agree to look for guidance on such matters to the Franchise Handbook prepared by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the gas utility companies, as may be amended from time to time.

18. **Other Conditions**

Notwithstanding the cost sharing arrangements described in Paragraph 12, if any part of the gas system altered or relocated in accordance with Paragraph 12 was constructed or installed prior to January 1, 1981, the Gas Company shall alter or relocate, at its sole expense, such part of the gas system at the point specified, to a location satisfactory to the Engineer/Road Superintendent.

19. **Agreement Binding Parties**

This Agreement shall extend to, benefit and bind the parties thereto, their successors and assigns, respectively.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have executed this Agreement effective from the date written above.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWN OF HANOVER**

Per:

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Kathi Maskell, Mayor

Per:

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William G. Roberts,  
Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

**UNION GAS LIMITED**

Per:

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Michael R. Birmingham, Vice President

Per:

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Curt Bernardi, Assistant Secretary

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