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Subject: Intervention Form: EB-2026-0009 - The Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami

Intervention Form

Case Number:

EB-2026-0009

Requesting information on behalf:

Of an organization

Intervenor Name:

The Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami

Mandate and Objectives:

i. The Municipality is a municipal corporation incorporated under the laws of Ontario and is responsible for the governance, infrastructure, and service delivery within its jurisdiction. Its mandate includes protecting municipal infrastructure, ensuring safe and efficient public services, and representing the interests of its residents and ratepayers. ii. The Municipality is a small Municipality located north on Highway 11 and due to its remote location, experiences different pressures and issues than municipalities in southern Ontario. iii. In the context of this proceeding, the Municipality's objective is to ensure that the Model Franchise Agreement appropriately balances the rights and obligations of municipalities and gas utilities, particularly with respect to infrastructure use, cost allocation, and operational impacts on municipal assets and planning. The perspectives of a small northern municipality will be provided by the Municipality.

Membership of the Intervenor and Constituency Represented:

i. The Municipality represents all residents and property owners within its geographic

boundaries. ii. It also represents municipal taxpayers who ultimately bear financial and operational impacts arising from infrastructure use, relocation costs, and regulatory obligations under franchise agreements. This is consistent with prior interventions where municipalities collectively represent ratepayer and local government interests.

Programs or Activities Carried Out by the Intervenor:

The below activities directly intersect with gas utility operations governed by franchise agreements: 1. Construction, maintenance, and regulation of municipal roads, road allowances and rights of way. 2. Land use planning and development. 3. Coordination of infrastructure projects involving utilities. 4. Public safety and asset management including specific focus on wildfires and watercourses and lakes. 5. Financial management of municipal infrastructure costs with both medium density settlement areas as well as remote rural populations.

Governance Structure:

i. The Municipality is governed by an elected Council subject to the new strong mayor powers. Council and the Mayor have authorized the participation in this regulatory proceedings. Operational authority is delegated to senior administrative staff such as the CAO who coordinate with legal counsel. Instructions in this proceeding will be provided by Council or its delegated officials to legal counsel, who will report back to Council.

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Frequent Intervenor Form:

Add all individuals listed on our Frequent Intervenor Form as contacts for this proceeding:

N/A

Names and email addresses of individuals to be added as contacts for this proceeding:

N/A

OEB Proceedings:

Item Description	Category	Status
NONE		

Issues:

i. The Municipality is materially impacted by this proceeding because the Model Franchise Agreement governs the terms under which gas utilities access and use municipal rights of way, infrastructure, etc. ii. The Municipality intends to address the following issues identified in the issues list: 1. Section 11: Alternative Easements – Impacts on municipal control over highways and implications of easement rights during road closures or dispositions. 2. Section 12: Pipeline Relocation 3. Section 15&16: Decommissioned Infrastructure- responsibility for removal and associated risks to municipal lands and future development. iii. Raise concerns regarding municipality liability exposure and long term infrastructure planning implications.

Policy Interests:

i. The Municipality represents both direct operational interests and the broader public interests including protection of municipal assets and infrastructure, fair allocation of costs between municipalities and utilities, preservation of municipal authority over public rights of way etc.

Hearings:

i. The Municipality submits that a written hearing supplemented by an oral hearing is appropriate.

Evidence:

i. A high level overview of the proposed evidence; 1. The municipality may file evidence but is not in a position to definitively confirm at this stage. ii. A deion of how that evidence is relevant to and material in the proceeding; 1. Evidence may address municipal cost impacts of pipeline relocation, practical challenges in administering franchise agreements etc. 2. Such evidence will assist the Board in understanding municipal impacts. iii. An indication of how long it will take to prepare the proposed evidence; and 1. Estimated 6-8 weeks following procedural direction. iv. If you are seeking eligibility for an award of costs, the expected cost of the evidence. 1. To be determined, but expected to be proportionate.

Coordination with Other Intervenors:

i. The Municipality intends to coordinate with other northern municipalities to improve efficiency and avoid duplication of materials.

Cost Awards:

i. Yes we are applying for cost award eligibility. ii. The Municipality satisfies the OEB's cost eligibility criteria because it represents a broad class of affected stakeholders (municipal taxpayers), its participation will contribute to a better understanding of the issues and it does not have the financial resources or commercial incentive comparable to utilities.

Language Preference:

i. No.