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Intervention Form

Case Number:

B-2026-0009

Requesting information on behalf:

Of an organization

Intervenor Name:

The Corporation of the Township of Tyendinaga

Mandate and Objectives:

The Township of Tyendinaga is a lower-tier municipality in the Province of Ontario, responsible for delivering a wide range of municipal services including infrastructure management, land use planning, and public works. The Township's objective in this proceeding is to support the continued use of the Model Franchise Agreement as a standardized framework while providing practical, municipal-focused input on specific provisions under review. The Township seeks to ensure that any updates remain clear, implementable, and reflective of municipal operational realities.

Membership of the Intervenor and Constituency Represented:

The Township represents its residents, businesses, and property owners within its municipal boundaries. Council is the elected governing body, and administration acts on its behalf. The Township's participation reflects the interests of its local community, including ratepayers who rely on safe, reliable, and cost-effective natural gas services and well-managed municipal infrastructure.

Programs or Activities Carried Out by the Intervenor:

The Township delivers core municipal services including road maintenance, infrastructure planning, asset management, land use planning, and public safety services. It is also responsible for managing municipal rights-of-way and coordinating with utility providers operating within those corridors. These responsibilities directly intersect with the provisions of the Model Franchise Agreement.

Governance Structure:

The Township operates under a Council–administration model. Council establishes policy direction, and the Chief Administrative Officer CAO oversees municipal operations and implements Council decisions. The Township’s participation in this proceeding will be led by the CAO or designate, with input from relevant municipal staff e.g., public works, planning. Any formal positions will be guided by Council direction where required. The CAO will report back to Council as appropriate and ensure alignment with municipal priorities, if applicable.

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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
n/a		

Issues:

The Township is materially impacted by the Model Franchise Agreement as it governs how natural gas utilities access and operate within municipal rights-of-way, directly affecting infrastructure coordination, financial planning, and service delivery. The Township expects to focus on the following issues identified in the draft issues list: Section 11 – Alternative Easement: Clarity around notice requirements, easement availability, and cost-sharing implications where municipal road allowances are altered or closed. Section 12 – Pipeline Relocation: Cost-sharing responsibilities and the potential need for clearer timelines to support municipal project planning and minimize delays. Sections 15 & 16 – Decommissioned Gas System: Expectations related to removal or abandonment of infrastructure and associated long-term impacts on municipal assets and land use. Administrative Updates: Ensuring terminology and roles reflect current municipal and utility practices. Implementation of Updates: How any changes would apply to existing agreements and transition considerations. At this time, the Township does not propose additional issues beyond those identified but may provide further input if gaps become apparent through the process.

Policy Interests:

The Township represents a municipal policy interest focused on effective infrastructure governance, fiscal responsibility, and the coordination of utility services within public rights-of-way. This includes ensuring that agreements: Support long-term asset management planning; Clearly define roles, responsibilities, and cost-sharing; Minimize financial and operational risks to municipalities; and Maintain a fair and balanced framework between utilities and municipalities. These interests are directly aligned with the issues under review and are material to the Township’s ability to deliver services efficiently.

Hearings:

The Township supports a written or electronic hearing format, as this approach promotes efficiency, accessibility, and the ability for municipalities to engage meaningfully while managing limited administrative resources. As a municipality, Tyendinaga also values community engagement and transparency; a written/electronic process allows for internal review and coordination with Council where appropriate.

Evidence:

The Township does not intend to file evidence at this time but reserves the right to do so should the need arise as the proceeding progresses.

Coordination with Other Intervenors:

The Township intends to coordinate with other municipalities and may participate as part of a Municipal Group or through informal collaboration where appropriate. The Township supports efforts to streamline participation, reduce duplication, and present coordinated municipal perspectives on shared issues.

Cost Awards:

The Township is not seeking cost award eligibility.

Language Preference:

English