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Intervention Form

Case Number:

EB-2026-0009

Requesting information on behalf:

Of an organization

Intervenor Name:

The Township of Uxbridge

Mandate and Objectives:

The Township’s mandate in this proceeding is to represent the interests of its residents, businesses, and agricultural community by advocating for fair, practical, and forward-looking energy infrastructure policies. As an intervenor, the Township’s objective is to ensure that the Model Franchise Agreement supports the efficient and equitable expansion of natural gas services within rural and underserved areas. Building on the successful 2024 natural gas expansion into the Sandford community, which connected over 100 residents to a reliable and cost-effective energy source, the Township seeks to advance further expansion into the hamlets of Zephyr, Wagners Lake, Leaskdale, and Udora. Access to natural gas is not only a matter of convenience, but of economic competitiveness and long-term sustainability. Residential consumers can realize annual savings of approximately \$500 to \$2,300, while agricultural operators can reduce energy costs by 30% to 40%, strengthening the viability of local farming operations. The Township’s objective is to ensure that the Model Franchise Agreement enables, rather than constrains, timely infrastructure development. This includes maintaining clear, consistent terms that support collaboration with utilities while allowing sufficient flexibility to address the unique needs of rural municipalities.

Membership of the Intervenor and Constituency

Represented:

The intervenor represents a lower-tier rural municipality composed of a diverse constituency, including residential households, agricultural operators, and small business owners across several communities and hamlets. This includes both serviced and currently unserved areas, particularly in Sandford, Zephyr, Leaskdale, and Udora. The municipality advocates on behalf of residents who rely on accessible, affordable, and reliable energy to support daily living, economic activity, and agricultural production. The constituency includes those who have recently gained access to natural gas services, as well as those seeking equitable expansion to underserved areas to support growth, competitiveness, and long-term sustainability.

Programs or Activities Carried Out by the Intervenor:

The intervenor carries out municipal governance, infrastructure planning, and community development activities. This includes land use planning, economic development, and coordination with utility providers to support energy infrastructure expansion. The municipality also engages residents, businesses, and agricultural stakeholders to advocate for services that enhance affordability, sustainability, and long-term community growth.

Governance Structure:

The intervenor operates under a municipal governance structure led by an elected Council, supported by administrative staff. Council provides strategic direction, while staff manage day-to-day operations and stakeholder engagement. Representatives participating in this proceeding report to Council through senior administration and receive direction in accordance with established municipal policies and procedures.

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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
EB-2026-0009	Natural Gas – Leave to Construct	Denied

Issues:

The Township is materially impacted by provisions affecting natural gas expansion, cost allocation, and municipal rights within the Model Franchise Agreement. Key issues include barriers to servicing underserved hamlets and flexibility for rural contexts. The Township also seeks consideration of equitable access and timely infrastructure development as critical, potentially underrepresented issues.

Policy Interests:

We represent a policy interest in equitable rural energy access, economic competitiveness, and efficient infrastructure expansion. This relates to reviewing Model Franchise Agreement constraints that may limit timely gas expansion, directly impacting affordability, agricultural productivity, and fair service access in underserved Ontario communities.

Hearings:

If required, A written hearing is appropriate given the policy-focused and non-site-specific nature of this proceeding. Written submissions allow for efficient, evidence-based input from

multiple stakeholders, ensuring clarity, consistency, and timely consideration without the added complexity and cost of oral proceedings.

Evidence:

At this time we do not intend to file evidence in the proceeding.

Coordination with Other Intervenors:

We will coordinate with municipalities, utilities, and industry associations by sharing submissions, aligning positions, and dividing issues where appropriate, ensuring consistent messaging while avoiding duplication and promoting efficient, collaborative participation in the proceeding.

Cost Awards:

We are not.

Language Preference:

English