



EB-2008-0413

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION
AND
NOTICE OF HEARING**

GAS FRANCHISE APPROVAL FOR THE TOWN OF AYLMER

Natural Resource Gas Limited (the "Applicant") has filed an application dated December 23, 2008, with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") under section 10(2) of the *Municipal Franchises Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.55, as amended (the "Act"). NRG is seeking to renew its franchise rights with the Town of Aylmer by way of a new 20-year franchise agreement. NRG has an existing franchise agreement with the Town of Aylmer which expires on February 27, 2009. The NRG application is based on the Model Franchise Agreement established by the Board which would grant NRG the right to construct and operate works for the distribution of gas in the Town's municipal boundaries and to supply gas to the Town's residents.

NRG indicated it has been unable to reach agreement with Town of Aylmer on the terms and conditions of the franchise renewal.

NRG is also requesting that the Board grant interim relief under section 10(4) of Act to continue the right to operate works for the distribution of gas in accordance with the existing franchise agreement until an Order is made under section 10(2) of the Act in respect of this application. In addition NRG is requesting consideration for further and other relief as the Board may deem necessary or appropriate.

The application will be decided by a panel of the Board.

Copies of the application and pre-filed evidence will be available for public inspection at the Board's offices, the Applicant's offices, and at the office of the Corporation of the Town of Aylmer at the addresses indicated below.

The Board intends to proceed with the application by holding an oral hearing in Aylmer on **Thursday, February 12, 2009**, and if needed the hearing will be extended to Friday, February 13, 2009.

If you wish to participate in the hearing, you must forward your written submission indicating your interest to the applicant and the Board by **Friday, January 30, 2009**. Intervenors or other parties wishing to obtain information from the applicant, shall file written interrogatories with the applicant and deliver same to the Board by **Friday, January 30, 2009**.

The applicant shall answer interrogatories from any of the parties and file same with the Board no later than **Friday, February 6, 2009**.

The Board Secretary will deliver copies of any interrogatories and answers to these interrogatories to all registered parties by **Monday, February 9, 2009**.

At the time of the hearing the Board will consider the application and the applicant's request for interim relief together with any other measures sought by the parties.

Participants in the hearing including the Town of Aylmer and Board Staff who wish to file evidence on the application must file that material with the Board by **Tuesday, February 10, 2009**. The Board Secretary will deliver copies of any filed evidence to all registered parties by **Wednesday, February 11, 2009**.

How to File Documents with the Board

If you have a user ID, please submit your interrogatories or submission through the Board's web portal at www.errr.oeb.gov.on.ca in searchable / unrestricted PDF format. Please use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guideline found at www.oeb.gov.on.ca. You may also send your submission by e-mail to the following address: BoardSec@oeb.gov.on.ca. Additionally, three paper copies are required and should be sent to the address below.

Those who do not have Internet access are asked to submit their interrogatories or submissions on a CD or diskette in PDF format, along with three paper copies.

In responding to this Notice, please include Board file number EB-2008-0413 in the subject line of your e-mail or at the top of your document. It is also important that you provide your name, postal address and telephone number and, if available, an e-mail address and fax number. All communications should be directed to the attention of the Board Secretary at the address below, and be received no later than 4:45 p.m. on the required date.

Need More Information?

Further information on how to participate may be obtained by visiting the Board's website at or by calling our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727.

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DATED at Toronto, January 8, 2009

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