



**Ontario Energy Board  
Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario**

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**DECISION AND ORDER**

**EB-2017-0107**

**UNION GAS LIMITED**

**Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the City of  
Cambridge**

**By Delegation, before: Pascale Duguay**

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**September 7, 2017**

## INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

Union Gas Limited (Union Gas) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on December 1, 2016 under section 8 of the *Municipal Franchises Act*.

The application seeks an order of the OEB granting Union Gas a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the City of Cambridge. In this Decision and Order, a reference to the City of Cambridge is a reference to the municipal corporation or its geographical area, as the context requires.

The application is approved as described in this Decision and Order.

## THE PROCESS

The OEB held a written hearing. A Notice of Hearing was published in the local newspaper on June 15, 2017. There were no intervenors.

Together with the application, Union Gas included a map identifying all of the existing Union Gas gas mains in the City of Cambridge (Gas Mains Map). Union requested confidential treatment for the map, pursuant to the OEB's *Practice Direction on Confidential Filings*. The grounds for its confidential treatment included that the information contained therein is proprietary and subject to periodic change; and that it contains highly sensitive information from public safety, system security and customer personal information perspectives.

On August 31, 2017, Union Gas filed a revised map delineating Union Gas' service area boundaries in the City of Cambridge, as well as the general location and density of customers served, but not containing confidential information.

## THE APPLICATION

Union Gas is a corporation incorporated under the laws of the Province of Ontario, with its head office in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent.

The City of Cambridge is a municipal corporation incorporated under the laws of the Province of Ontario. The City of Cambridge was formed on January 1, 1973, through an

amalgamation of the former City of Galt, the former Towns of Preston and Hespeler and the former Village of Blair.

Union Gas holds a franchise agreement with the City of Cambridge (EB-2005-0521, which expires on January 16, 2026) permitting it to construct and operate works for the distribution, transmission and storage of natural gas and the right to extend and add to the works within the City of Cambridge.

Union Gas also has a certificate of public convenience and necessity for several communities within the City of Cambridge (F.B.C. 259, dated March 17, 1957) for the geographical areas of the former City of Galt, the former Town of Preston and the former Town of Hespeler. Although Union Gas currently distributes gas in the geographical area of the former Village of Blair, there is no evidence that a certificate was issued for this area.

Union Gas requests an order from the OEB cancelling and superseding those parts of F.B.C. 259 related to the former City of Galt, the former Town of Preston and the former Town of Hespeler and replacing them with a single certificate of public convenience and necessity for the City of Cambridge.

## **OEB FINDINGS**

I find that it is in the public interest to grant the application. Union Gas filed a complete application and provided notice of the hearing in the manner instructed by the OEB. I note that no party intervened to object to, or comment on, the application.

I find that the map submitted by Union Gas on August 31, 2017 adequately serves the purpose of the information being sought by the OEB in this proceeding; namely, to accurately inform the OEB of the distributor's service boundaries in the City of Cambridge, as well as the general location and density of customers served. Given the sufficiency of the revised map in meeting the OEB's purposes for deciding the application, the Gas Mains Map will be withdrawn from the record of this proceeding.

## **IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. The certificate of public convenience and necessity, attached as Schedule A to this Decision and Order, is granted to Union Gas Limited to construct works or

supply gas in the City of Cambridge. A current map of the City of Cambridge is attached as Schedule B.

2. The attached certificate of public convenience cancels and supersedes those parts of F.B.C. 259 related to the former City of Galt, the former Town of Preston and the former Town of Hespeler.
3. Union Gas Limited shall pay the OEB's costs incidental to this proceeding upon receipt of the OEB's invoice.

**DATED** at Toronto, September 7, 2017

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Original signed by

Pascale Duguay  
Manager, Application Policy and Climate Change

**SCHEDULE A**

**EB-2017-0107**

**DATED: September 7, 2017**

**Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity**

## **Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity**

The Ontario Energy Board grants

### **Union Gas Limited**

approval under section 8 of the *Municipal Franchises Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.55, as amended, to construct works to supply gas to the

### **City of Cambridge**

**DATED** at Toronto, September 7, 2017

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**SCHEDULE B**

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**Map of the City of Cambridge**

