

# **INFORMATION ITEMS**

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**Week Ending December 6, 2013**

## **REPORTS**

1. None

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. City of Kingston - Resolution regarding inclusion of post-secondary student population estimates when establishing municipal electoral districts
2. Union Gas – notice of application seeking changes to regulated gas distribution, transmission and storage services effective January 1, 2014.

## **BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

1. None

## **ITEMS AVAILABLE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE**

1. Municipal Information Form, Application for a Liquor Licence – State & Main Kitchen + Bar, 79 Clair Road East



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Office of the City Clerk

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November 26, 2013

City of Guelph  
City Hall  
Guelph, ON N1H 3A1

Dear Sir or Madam,

**RE: CITY OF KINGSTON COUNCIL MEETING – NOVEMBER 19, 2013  
NEW MOTION (4)**

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I would confirm that Kingston City Council at its regular meeting held on November 19, 2013, approved the following resolution, being New Motion (4):

(4) *Moved by Mayor Gerretsen*

*Seconded by Deputy Mayor Berg*

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB), under member Sylvia Sutherland, rendered a decision on November 08, 2013 to establish Kingston municipal electoral districts to include post-secondary student population estimates; and

**WHEREAS** the OMB is a provincial body that makes decisions on behalf of municipalities with provincial implications; and

**WHEREAS** no municipality with a university or college in Ontario currently uses post-secondary student population estimates when establishing electoral boundaries; and

**WHEREAS** the province of Ontario does not use post-secondary student population estimates when establishing provincial electoral ridings; and

**WHEREAS** the City of Kingston is now in a position to advocate for this OMB decision to become the standard for how the province of Ontario and all municipalities with colleges and universities across Ontario factor in post-secondary student population estimates in their electoral boundaries; and

**WHEREAS** the OMB decision now sets a new standard for all municipalities in Ontario; and

**WHEREAS** the province of Ontario should adhere to this decision made by the OMB as a provincial body;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the City of Kingston advocate to the Government of Ontario to amend their provincial electoral riding boundaries to reflect the OMB decision rendered in Kingston and call for all municipalities with colleges and universities to factor in post-secondary student population estimates when establishing electoral boundaries; and

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**THAT** a copy of this resolution be distributed to the following:

1. All municipalities in Ontario with post-secondary institutions;
2. The Premier of Ontario;
3. The Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
4. All Members of Provincial Parliament;
5. The Ontario Municipal Board;
6. The Council of Ontario Universities; and
7. Colleges Ontario

**CARRIED**

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



John Bolognone  
City Clerk  
/s



**uniongas**

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November 28, 2013

**VIA COURIER**

**TO:           *ALL Clerks of Municipalities***

Union Gas filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (“the Board”) on October 22, 2013 seeking changes to Union’s regulated gas distribution, transmission and storage services effective January 1, 2014.

Enclosed is a copy of the application, as well as a copy of the Notice of Application in English and in French issued by the Board on November 22, 2013 under Docket No. EB-2013-0365.

Yours truly,

Chris Ripley  
Manager, Regulatory Applications

Encl.



October 22, 2013

Ms. Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board  
2300 Yonge Street, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: EB-2013-0365 – Union Gas Limited – 2014 Rates Application**

Please find attached an application from Union Gas Limited ("Union") seeking changes to Union's regulated gas distribution, transmission and storage services effective January 1, 2014.

Union's supporting evidence will be filed at a later date. The application has been filed in advance of the evidence to expedite the application process.

If the proposed rate changes are approved by the Board the total bill increase for a typical Southern Operations residential customer consuming 2,200 m<sup>3</sup> per year would amount to \$1 - \$2 per year. For a typical Northern or Eastern Operations customer consuming 2,200 m<sup>3</sup> per year, the total bill decrease would amount to \$16 - \$20 per year.

Union seeks the Board's issuance of the final Rate Order by November 30, 2013 to ensure the implementation of 2014 rates by January 1, 2014. In the event that the Board does not issue a rate order by November 30, 2013 for implementation by Union on January 1, 2014, Union seeks an Order of the Board declaring Union's rates in effect as of December 31, 2013, interim as of January 1, 2014. It will be Union's proposal in this matter to deal with any retrospective impact of the delayed implementation through a rate rider for general service rate classes and a onetime adjustment for all other rate classes, which will recover any changes in rates ultimately approved by the Board's order with effect from January 1, 2014.

Yours truly,

*[Original signed by]*

Chris Ripley  
Manager, Regulatory Applications

c.c.: EB-2013-0202 Intervenors  
Crawford Smith, Torys

## ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

**IN THE MATTER OF** the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Sched. B);

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an Application by Union Gas Limited, pursuant to section 36(1) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, for an order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable rates and other charges for the sale, distribution, transmission and storage of gas as of January 1, 2014.

### APPLICATION

1. Union Gas Limited (“Union”) is a business corporation incorporated under the laws of the province of Ontario, with its head office in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent.
2. Union conducts both an integrated natural gas utility business that combines the operations of distributing, transmitting and storing natural gas, and a non-utility storage business.
3. Union was an applicant in a proceeding before the Board for an order of the Board approving or fixing a multi-year incentive rate mechanism (“IRM”) to determine rates for the regulated distribution, transmission and storage of natural gas. The Board assigned EB-2013-0202 to Union’s application.
4. Union filed an IRM application with the Board on July 31, 2013. The application was supported by a comprehensive Settlement Agreement (the “Agreement”) between Union and stakeholders. The stakeholders party to the Agreement were parties who participated in Union’s 2008-2012 IRM proceeding and in the annual rate proceedings throughout the last IRM term. The proposed IRM parameters found in the Agreement were further supported by evidence and reports. The Board approved the Agreement on October 7, 2013.

5. Union's Board-approved Agreement sets out a multi-year incentive ratemaking mechanism ("IRM") for calendar years 2014 to 2018. The framework includes a price cap index ("PCI"), where rates are a function of: an inflation factor ("I"), a productivity factor ("X"), certain non-routine adjustments (Z factors), certain predetermined pass-throughs (Y factors), and an adjustment for normalized average consumption ("NAC") to reflect changes in consumption in the General Service rate classes.
6. The IRM approved for Union contemplates the filing by Union of an application for Z factor adjustments, structural rate design changes or the pricing of new regulated services in a time frame that will enable these issues to be resolved in sufficient time to be reflected prospectively in the next year's rates. This requires the filing of a draft Rate Order with supporting documentation which reflects the impact of the PCI pricing formula so that a final Rate Order will be issued for implementation by January 1, 2014.
7. Union hereby applies to the Board, pursuant to section 36 of the Act and pursuant to the annual rate-setting process underlying the IRM in the Agreement, for an order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable rates and other charges for the sale, distribution, transmission and storage of gas effective January 1, 2014.
8. Union further applies to the Board for all necessary orders and directions concerning pre-hearing and hearing procedures for the determination of this application.
9. This application is supported by written evidence that will be filed with the Board and may be amended from time to time as circumstances may require.
10. The persons affected by this application are the customers resident or located in the municipalities, police villages and Indian reserves served by Union, together with those to whom Union sells gas, or on whose behalf Union distributes, transmits or stores gas. It is impractical to set out in this application the names and addresses of such persons because they are too numerous.

11. The address of service for Union is:

Union Gas Limited

P.O. Box 2001  
50 Keil Drive North  
Chatham, Ontario  
N7M 5M1

Attention: Chris Ripley  
Manager, Regulatory Applications  
Telephone: (519) 436-5476  
Fax: (519) 436-4641

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Torys

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P.O. Box 270  
Toronto Dominion Centre  
Toronto, Ontario  
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Attention: Crawford Smith  
Telephone: (416) 865-8209  
Fax: (416) 865-7380

DATED October 22, 2013.

UNION GAS LIMITED

*[Original signed by]*

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Chris Ripley  
Manager, Regulatory Applications



## ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF UNION GAS LIMITED

Union Gas Limited has applied to change its natural gas rates effective  
January 1, 2014  
Learn more. Have your say.

Union Gas Limited has applied to the Ontario Energy Board to change its natural gas rates effective January 1, 2014. Under the proposal, residential customers of Union Gas in Southern Ontario (those from Windsor to Hamilton) would see an increase of \$1.55 (0.2%) to their average annual bill. Residential customers in all the other areas served by Union Gas would see a decline ranging from \$16.54 to \$19.76 (1.9% to 2.1%) to their average annual bill. Other customers, including businesses, may also be affected. In addition, Union has proposed to gradually allow large volume direct purchase customers to shift their natural gas delivery obligation from Parkway to Dawn.

### THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider Union Gas' request. We will question the company on its case for a rate change. We will also hear arguments from individuals and from groups that represent Union Gas customers. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide what, if any, rate changes will be allowed.

Union Gas' application is based on an Incentive Ratemaking Framework previously approved by the Board for the period 2014-18. The rates are based on an adjustment formula that incorporates inflation and a productivity factor.

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. We make decisions that serve the public interest. Our goal is to promote a financially viable and efficient energy sector that provides you with reliable energy services at a reasonable cost.

### BE INFORMED AND HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information regarding this application and to be involved in the process. You can:

- review Union Gas Limited's application on the OEB's website now.
- sign up to observe the proceeding by receiving OEB documents related to the hearing.
- file a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing.
- become an active participant (called an intervenor). Apply by **December 16, 2013** or the hearing will go ahead without you and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding.
- at the end of the process, review the OEB's decision and its reasons on our website.

### LEARN MORE

The proposed charges relate to Union Gas Limited's distribution, storage and transmission rates. Our file number for this case is EB-2013-0365. To learn more about this hearing, find instructions on how to file letters or become an intervenor, or to access any document related to this case please enter that file number at the OEB website: [www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/notice](http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/notice). You can also phone our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.

### ORAL VS. WRITTEN HEARINGS

There are two types of OEB hearings – oral and written. The OEB will determine at a later date whether to proceed by way of a written or oral hearing.

### PRIVACY

*If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the public record and the OEB website. However, your personal telephone number, home address and email address will be removed. If you are a business, all your information will remain public. If you apply to become an intervenor, all information will be public.*

*This rate hearing will be held under section 36 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, S.O. 1998 c.15 (Schedule B).*



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