EXHIBIT "A"

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

OF PUBLIC UTILITIES OF NEW BRUNSWICK

IN THE MATTER of an Application for a Single End Use Franchise by Flakeboard Company Limited

NOTICE

The Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities of New Brunswick (the "Board") has received an application (the "Application") from Flakeboard Company Limited (the "Applicant") for a Single End Use Franchise.

The Applicant seeks this Franchise in order to receive gas directly from Maritimes and Northeast Pipeline at the Applicants facilities located at St. Stephen, New Brunswick.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board has ordered the following:

- 1. The hearing will be held as 43 Queen Street, St. Stephen Legion, St. Stephen, NB.
- 2. The following process will be used to review this Application:

Applicant's Evidence
August 12 (noon)
Intervenor registration
August 22 (noon)
Interrogatories to Applicant
August 26 (noon)
Response by Applicant
September 3 (noon)
Intervenor evidence
September 9 (noon)
Interrogatories to Intervenors
September 16 (noon)
Responses by Intervenors
September 23 (noon)

Hearing begins September 26 (9:30 a.m.)

- 3. Each party shall be responsible to provide all other registered parties with a copy of all documents filed with the Board. A copy of the list of parties who have registered will be available from the Board.
- 4. Persons intending to intervene must notify the Board and the Applicant, in writing, at the address below, no later than 12:00 noon August 22, 2002 and:
 - a. state whether the person intends to appear at the hearing and the official language in which the person intends to be heard;
 - b. set out the name of the person and any authorized representative of the person and the mailing address, address for personal service, telephone number and any other telecommunications numbers of the person or the person's authorized representative;
 - c. establish that the person's interest justifies intervenor status in the proceedings; and
 - d. state the issues that the person intends to address at the hearing or, where the person does not intend to participate actively at the hearing, state the reasons why the person's interest justifies intervenor status in the proceeding;

Where by reason of an inability or insufficient time to study the Application, a person is unable to include in the written intervention the information required by paragraph 3(d), the person shall provide a statement in the written intervention explaining why the person was unable or why there was insufficient time to study the Application and as soon as possible after the date of service of a copy of the Application or as soon as possible after the filing of the written intervention, whichever is later, file with the Board and serve on the Application, a supplement

to the written intervention containing the information required by paragraph 3(d).

- 5. Persons who do not wish to formally intervene but who wish to make comments to the Board regarding the proceeding must notify the Board and the Applicant, in writing, at the addresses below, on or before 12:00 noon August 22, 2002 of their intent to file a letter of comment.
- 6. The Application and supporting evidence, together with a copy of the Board's hearing Order, will be placed on file for examination by interested parties, whether they intend to intervene or not, during normal business hours, at the office of the Board and at the office of the Applicant located at 151 Church Street, St. Stephen, NB on or before 12:00 noon August 12, 2002.

DATED at the City of Saint John, New Brunswick, this 26th day of July, 2002.

BY THE BOARD

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