

# Press Release

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## **President of St. Lawrence Gas to Retire**

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Mr. F. Dickson "Dick" Rewbotham, President of St. Lawrence Gas, is retiring this week. Mr. Rewbotham was born in London, Ontario and graduated in 1963 from the University of Western Ontario. He started his very successful career in the gas industry in 1966, with Consumers Gas in Toronto. He held a number of accounting and regulatory positions with the Company until 1989, when he joined St. Lawrence Gas as President & General Manager.

As President, Mr. Rewbotham has managed the growth of the Company through the addition of more than 3,400 customers and over 600,000 feet of gas piping. During his tenure, the gas industry across the country and in the state of New York has seen many changes. The business has been deregulated and customers have been provided the opportunity to purchase the natural gas commodity (not distribution) from alternative suppliers. "I have worked in the gas industry for almost 36 years. It has been a very interesting time. I have enjoyed my career in this industry, especially the last 13 years which have been here in St. Lawrence County. The people, both in the Company and in the community, make the work interesting and likeable. I will miss those daily contacts," Mr. Rewbotham said.

Mr. Rewbotham has been and remains an active leader in the community. He has served in leadership positions for United Way of Northern New York campaigns and a Board member and current Chairman of the Massena Industrial Development Council. His family includes his wife Mel, and children Dickson, Kelly, Kory, and Ryan, along with two grandchildren Shelby & Sarah. A formal retirement party for Dick will be held on Friday, April 5, at the Massena Country Club.

Mr. Rewbotham is being replaced by Bob Simpson. Mr. Simpson has more than 35 years of experience in the oil and gas industry. He has held a number of positions related to the production, storage, and distribution of natural gas. Most recently, he was manager of the Enbridge Consumers Gas Storage Operations, in Sarnia, Ontario. Mr. Simpson and his wife Barb are moving to Massena. His two children are married and reside in Canada.