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Ms. Kirsten Walli,  
ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD  
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**Re: EB-2015-0179**

Dear Ms. Walli:

Please accept this as our request for intervenor status in the matter of EB-2015-0179, the application by Union Gas Limited to construct natural gas pipelines and ancillary facilities required to serve the communities of Milverton, Prince Township and, the Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point First Nation and Lambton Shores.

The attached paper outlines our interests in the proceedings. Thank you in advance for your considerations.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Neil Currie', written in a cursive style.

Neil Currie  
General Manager  
Ontario Federation of Agriculture

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

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

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, c.15, Schedule B, and in particular, S. 90 thereof;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an Application by Union Gas Limited for an Order or Orders for approval of Union's Distribution System Expansion Project proposals;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an Application by Union Gas Limited for an Order or Orders granting leave to construct natural gas pipelines and ancillary facilities required to serve the communities of Milverton, Prince Township and, the Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point First Nation and Lambton Shores.

**NOTICE OF INTERVENTION OF THE ONTARIO FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE**

1. The Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) is applying for intervenor status in this proceeding.
2. The OFA is not a frequent intervenor and does not have frequent intervenor status in Board proceedings.
3. If the OFA is found eligible for reimbursement of reasonably incurred costs in these proceedings, we intend to apply for recovery of said costs incurred in the course of its intervention in this matter.

**Statement of Interest**

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) is the leading advocate for Ontario farmers. The OFA is Canada's largest voluntary farm organization representing more than 37,000 farm families across Ontario, 52 county and regional federations, and 31 organizational members and affiliates. The OFA advocates their interests through government relations, lobby efforts, community representation and media relations. OFA members have a substantial interest in this proceeding, including all issues that affect rates and services available to them.

**Issues to be Addressed**

The OFA's intended participation will focus on the following issues:

- a. The Community Expansion Projects framework, including the temporary expansion surcharge;
- b. The proposed cost recovery mechanisms of the Community Expansion Projects framework and future expansion projects, impacting both new and existing ratepayers;
- c. The five specific proposed community expansion projects;
- d. The proposed Small Main Extension Project; and
- e. Generally to represent the interests of farmers in this process, both those currently with access to natural gas hook up and those without access.

**The Intervenor's Intended Participation**

The OFA intends to participate in any pre-hearing procedures, including interrogatories or technical conferences, and settlement conferences. The OFA also intends to participate in any oral hearing of this matter, and in written or oral submissions, as well as any other parts of the process that the Board should order.

**Nature of Hearing Requested**

Until interrogatories have been answered, we believe it is premature to assess whether a written or an oral hearing is more appropriate in this proceeding.

**Reimbursement of reasonable costs**

The OFA will be requesting an award of costs for its participation in this proceeding and believes that, as a federation representing the direct interests of individual farmers, farm businesses, regional federations and commodity organizations, it meets the eligibility criteria set out in the Ontario Energy Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure (Section 41) and its' Practice Direction on Cost Awards (Section 3.03).

**Representative**

The OFA requests that a copy of all documents filed with the Board by each party to this proceeding be served on the intervenor as follows, (electronic copies only):

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Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, this August 24th, 2015.

*Original signed by*



*Neil Currie  
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Ontario Federation of Agriculture*