

July 25, 2016

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
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Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: EB-2016-0186 – Union Gas Limited – Application for Approval of the Panhandle Reinforcement Project

I am a consultant to the Consumers Council of Canada (“Council”). I have been instructed by my client to intervene in the proceeding to consider the Application to the Ontario Energy Board (“OEB”) by Union Gas Limited (“Union”) to construct 40 km of pipeline from its Dawn Compressor Station to its Dover Transmission Station. Union is seeking to recover the costs of the proposed Panhandle Reinforcement Project from its ratepayers.

On August 18, 2015, the Council filed with the Board, pursuant to Rule 22.03 of the Ontario Energy Board’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, a document describing the Council, its mandate and objectives, membership, the constituency represented, and the types of activities the Council carries out. In addition, we provided a list of the individuals authorized to represent the Council in Board proceedings.

The nature and scope of the Council’s intended participation in the proceeding will be the following:

1. To test the Applicant’s evidence regarding the proposed project, and assess the impact on rates;
2. To assess any other proposals that have been set out in the Application that may impact Union’s ratepayers; and
3. To participate in the various stages of the proceeding which may include an interrogatory process, a technical conference, a settlement conference and an oral hearing.

The Council intends to ask for an order of costs in this proceeding. The Council has participated in many natural gas utility applications over a long period of time. In all of those proceedings the Council has been recognized as being eligible for an award of costs. In the absence of an award of costs the Council would be unable to participate in this proceeding.

Copies of all correspondence related to this proceeding and hard copies of the Applicant’s evidence should be sent to:

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Please let us know if any further information from the Council is required at this time.

Yours truly,

Julie E. Girvan

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CC: Ken Whitehurst, Consumers Council of Canada
Union Gas Limited, Regulatory Affairs