

July 27, 2016

Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
27th Floor 2300 Yonge Street
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli,

Re: Union Gas Panhandle Reinforcement Project - Board File No.: EB-2016-0186

The Municipality of Chatham-Kent is writing to request intervenor status in the Union Gas Limited ("Union") leave to construct application for the Panhandle Reinforcement Project in the Township of Dawn Euphemia, the Township of St. Clair and the Municipality of Chatham-Kent.

Chatham-Kent is a rural community of 104,000 people located in Southwestern Ontario east of Windsor Ontario, and is comprised of 2500 square kilometres, much of which is agricultural based, but also has a thriving commercial and industrial economy.

The Municipality of Chatham-Kent has a direct interest in the proposed project as it passes through Chatham-Kent and will be located partially within municipal property and on private easement. Given that the majority of Chatham-Kent is served from the Panhandle System, the proposed project is of vital concern to the municipality and its inhabitants. Ensuring a firm supply of natural gas is critical for expansion in the greenhouse and food processing sectors and supporting overall growth and expansion within the municipality.

The Municipality of Chatham-Kent intends to participate in the proceeding by reviewing the application and pre-filed evidence, all intervenor evidence and all submissions of the applicant and intervenors. Chatham-Kent may submit evidence, argument, interrogatories and/or cross-examine witnesses and reserves the right to do so by or with counsel of its choice.

As a municipality, Chatham-Kent is not eligible for an award of costs as per the Board's Practice Direction on Cost Awards, however, Chatham-Kent reserves the right to seek costs depending upon the extent of its involvement and contribution throughout the proceeding and if exceptions to section 3.05 apply.

The Municipality of Chatham-Kent requests that copies of all documents filed or issued in connection with this proceeding, including the evidence and submissions of the Applicant and all intervenors, and any notices or correspondence, be forwarded to myself:

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Yours truly,



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