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Ms. Zora Crnojacki  
Ontario Energy Board  
Suite 2700, 2300 Yonge Street  
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Dear Ms. Crnojacki:

**RE: Union Gas Limited (“Union”)  
Panhandle Reinforcement Project  
EB-2016-0186  
Tree Clearing Plans**

This letter is to update you on Union’s plans for the Panhandle Reinforcement Project.

### **Tree Clearing**

As identified in the Environmental Report prepared for the Project and following Union’s standard practice to avoid tree clearing during the Avian nesting season, Union is planning to commence tree clearing for the Project in early February.

As stated in the Environmental Report at page 3-37 “*Construction activities with the potential to remove migratory bird habitat such as vegetation clearing, should avoid to the extent possible the breeding season which is generally April 1–August 31*”. As you are aware this is a standard practice at Union which has been in place since the early 1990’s.

Union will have signed easement agreements in place with the directly affected landowners before any clearing takes place on their properties. Union has also had discussions with the County of Lambton and Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. No concerns or issues have been identified by the landowners or other parties.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding the above.

Yours truly,

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