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Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319 2300 Yonge Street, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

## RE: Union Gas Limited 2008 Heritage Storage Pool Project, OEB File No: EB-2008-0405

I am writing to request that the Ministry of Natural Resources ("Ministry") be granted intervener status in the above-noted matter.

The Ministry regulates storage wells and the activities associated with the well licences under the *Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act* ("OGSRA"), Ontario Regulation 245/97 made under the OGSRA and the OGSR Operating Standards. The Ministry therefore has a regulatory interest in storage operations, specifically storage wells and storage pool operations. As an intervener, the Ministry will assist the Board in ensuring ongoing safety and compatibility of these subsurface activities proposed under Union Gas Limited's proposed new storage.

The Ministry has no preference as to whether the hearing is written or oral.

Yours Truly,

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