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Ms. Kristen Walli, Board Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board  
2300 Yonge Street  
27<sup>th</sup> Floor, Box 2319  
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Dear Ms Walli,

**RE: Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. Proposal to Construct  
Extra High Pressure Pipeline to the York Energy Centre**

Throughout the development of the York Energy Centre (YEC) Project process, the Township of King has been an unwilling host, and notwithstanding the exemptions granted by Ontario Regulation 305/10, continues to be an unwilling host given the significant potential environmental impacts of placing such a large project in an environmentally sensitive area. Further, it is evident that that the route of the extra high pressure pipeline proposed to be installed by Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. to the YEC will have the potential for significant negative impacts.

At its meeting of December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010, Council of the Township of King considered the following Resolution moved by Councillor Debbie Schaefer and seconded by Councillor Bill Cober:

**Whereas**, the previous Council opposed the gas-fired generator being built in King Township;

**Whereas**, as a result of the October 25, 2010 municipal election, a majority of King Township's Council is new and directly opposed the gas-fired generator being built;

**Whereas**, concerns about safety of gas pipelines has been heightened as a result of recent explosions—specifically in San Bruno, California September 10, 2010 where six were killed and the explosion in Milton, ON December 15, 2010 where there was no fatalities but homes were destroyed;

**Whereas**, there are alternate routes for a gas pipeline to supply gas to the York Energy Centre (YEC) located at 18781 Dufferin St;

**Whereas**, the selected route for the gas pipeline to supply gas to the YEC passes within 90 meters of the Kettleby Public School and crosses in front of at least 100 homes in the rural community of Pottageville of which for some the setback from pipeline is less than 30 meters;

**Whereas**, the selection process appears to have put priority on cost and environmental impact as opposed to public safety;

**Whereas**, the subject gas pipeline is 16 inches in diameter and has a rated pressure of 650 pounds per square inch (psi);

**Whereas**, the subject pipeline is deemed to be a distribution pipeline as its diameter is less than 36 inches even though distribution pipelines typically range in size from 1 to 6 inches;

**Whereas**, in some jurisdictions outside of Ontario there is acknowledgment of the risk of gas pipelines and setbacks have been established after consideration of the pressure within the pipeline and the population;

**Whereas**, the State of California Department of Education has a regulation which stipulates the proximity to a pipeline that a school can be built according to the pressure in that natural gas pipeline. If the pressure exceeds 80 pounds per square inch (psi), then schools can be no closer than 1,500 feet (approximately 500 meters);

**Whereas**, in the province of Alberta if a 16 inch sour gas pipeline were to be built today, the formula that the province applies for a rural school would result in a mandated setback of 1,500 meters from the property line of the school, and not just the structure as it is recognized that children play outside in school yards;

**Whereas**, the population most at risk with the proposed route does not believe that they have been given adequate opportunity to provide input into the selection process;

**Whereas**, up until July 29, 2010 (when Regulation 305/10 exempting the project from the *Planning Act* was implemented) the attention of the public and King Township Council has been focused on addressing the gas-fired generator;

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**Whereas**, sections of the proposed gas pipeline will be established within Region of York road allowances;

**THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF KING HEREBY  
RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That notwithstanding that Enbridge Gas Distribution has followed the Ontario Energy Board's dictated process for selecting routes for new pipelines, Council of the Township of King requests that the Ontario Energy Board direct Enbridge Gas Distribution to reconsider the route for the gas pipeline to service the York Energy Centre such that risk to the population is minimized; and
2. That the Region of York be advised of the concerns of King Township Council and endorse the request to the Ontario Energy Board to re-consider the proposed route for the gas pipeline;
3. That this Resolution be circulated to the Hon. Brad Duguid, Minister of Energy, Julia Munro, MPP York Simcoe, and Helena Jaczek, MPP Oak Ridges-Markham.

The above Resolution was carried unanimously.

Yours truly



Chris Somerville  
Clerk

c.c. The Hon. Brad Duguid, Minister of Energy  
Julia Munro, MPP York Simcoe  
Helena Jaczek, MPP Oak Ridges- Markham  
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