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NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS

For the designation of the Jacob Pool as a natural gas storage pool, in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent;

For an order authorizing the injection of gas into, storage of gas in, and removal of gas from the Jacob Storage Pool:

For an order granting leave to construct a natural gas pipeline and ancillary facilities in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent; and,

For licences to drill certain wells in the designated storage area.

Union Gas Limited ("Union" or the "Applicant") filed applications dated January 17, 2011, with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") under sections 36.1(1), 38(1), 40(1) and 90(1) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15, Schedule B (the "Act"). Specifically, Union applied for the following:

- Designation of the proposed Jacob Gas Storage Pool (the "Jacob Pool") and authority to operate the gas storage pool, pursuant to section 36.1(1) of the Act; and subsection 38(1) of the Act, respectively. This application was assigned Board File No. EB-2011-0013.
- Leave to construct a transmission pipeline, pursuant to section 90 of the Act, to connect the proposed storage area with Union's Dover Transmission Station; and gathering pipelines to connect wells to the compression station. This application was assigned Board File No. EB-2011-0014

 Licences to drill three injection/withdrawal wells in the proposed Jacob Pool, pursuant to section 40 of the Act. This application was assigned Board File No. EB-2011-0015.

These applications, if granted, would allow Union to develop and operate a natural gas storage area on lands located in the geographic area of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent referred to as the Jacob Pool.

The Board has determined that the three applications should be joined. Each of these applications is described below.

<u>Application to Designate and Authority to Operate Jacob Pool (EB-2011-0013)</u>

Union is seeking an order designating the geographic formation referred to as the Jacob Pool located in the former geographic Township of Dover, now the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, in the Province of Ontario, being composed of part of Lots 4, 5, 6 and 7, Concession 4, part of the road allowance between Lots 5 and 6, Concession 4 and part of the road allowance between Concession 4 and 5 as a storage area.

Pursuant to subsection 38 (1) of the Act, Union has also asked for authority to inject gas into, store gas in and remove gas from the Jacob Pool, and enter into and upon lands in the area for such purposes.

<u>Application for Leave to Construct Natural Gas Pipelines (EB-2011-0014)</u>

Union is seeking an order granting leave to construct 4,712 metres of NPS 8 transmission pipeline to connect the proposed storage area with Union's Dover Transmission Station; and construction of 1,829 metres of NPS 6 and 8 gathering pipelines to connect wells to a proposed compressor station. The compressor station will be required to operate the Jacob Pool. It will consist of all the necessary piping and valves to direct gas flow is proposed for the corner of Maple Line and Jacob Road. In addition, a valve site will also be required within the Dover Transmission Station to connect the transmission line to the Panhandle system.

Application for licences to Drill Three Wells (EB-2011-0015)

Union has requested that the Board issue a favourable report under subsection 40(1) of the Act, to the Minister of Natural Resources to whom Union has applied for licences to drill three (3) injection/withdrawal wells within the proposed Jacob Pool. By letter dated February 1, 2011, the Ministry of Natural Resources, Petroleum Resources Centre, referred to the Board applications by Union for licences to drill the following wells within the proposed designated storage area:

- Pain Court 2 (Horiz.#1), Dover 3-6-IV
- Pain Court 2 (Horiz.#1, Lat.#1), Dover 3-6-IV
- Pain Court 3 (Horiz.#1), Dover 3-6-IV

This application was assigned Board File No. EB-2011-0015.

A map showing the location of the Jacob Pool, the associated wells and pipelines is attached as Appendix "A" to this Notice.

How to see the Applicant's Pre-filed Evidence

Copies of the applications and the pre-filed evidence in support of the applications will be available for public inspection at the Board's offices, at Union's office in Chatham, Ontario and in the case of the licences to drill wells; the applications are available for review at the office of Petroleum Resources Centre in London (addresses below).

You may participate in this proceeding in one of three ways:

1. Become an Intervenor

Intervenors participate actively in the proceeding (i.e., submit written questions, evidence, and arguments, and cross-examine witnesses at an oral hearing).

A request for intervenor status must be made by letter of intervention and be received by the Board no later than **10 days** from the publication or service date of this notice. A letter of intervention must include: (a) a description of how you are, or may be, affected by the outcome of this proceeding; (b) if you represent a group, a description of the

group and its membership; and (c) whether you intend to seek an award of costs and the grounds for your cost award eligibility.

You must provide a copy of your letter of intervention to the applicant.

Everything an intervenor files with the Board, including the intervenor's name and contact information, will be placed on the public record, which means that all filings will be available for viewing at the Board's offices and will be placed on the Board's website.

If you already have a user ID, please submit your intervention request through the Board's web portal at www.errr.ontarioenergyboard.ca. Additionally, two paper copies must be submitted to the address set out below.

If you do not have a user ID, visit the Board's website under e-Filing Services and complete a user ID/password request form. For instructions on how to submit documents and naming conventions please refer to the RESS Document Guidelines found at www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry, e-Filing Services.

The Board also accepts interventions by e-mail, at the address below, and again, two additional paper copies are required. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit their intervention request on a CD in PDF format, along with two paper copies.

2. Send a Letter with your Comments to the Board

If you wish to comment on the proceeding without becoming an intervenor, you may submit a letter of comment to the Board Secretary.

All letters of comment sent to the Board will be placed on the public record, which means that the letters will be available for viewing at the Board's offices and will be placed on the Board's website.

Before placing the letter of comment on the public record, the Board will remove any personal (i.e., not business) contact information from the letter of comment (i.e., the address, fax number, phone number, and e-mail address of the individual). However, the name of the individual and the content of the letter of comment will become part of the public record.

A complete copy of your letter of comment, including your name, contact information, and the content of the letter, will be provided to the applicant and the Hearing Panel.

Your letter of comment must be received by the Board no later than **30 days** from the publication or service date of this notice. The Board accepts letters of comment by either post or e-mail at the addresses below.

3. Become an Observer

Observers do not participate actively in the proceeding but receive documents issued by the Board in the proceeding. There is no fee for observers to receive documents issued by the Board.

A request for observer status must be made in writing and be received by the Board no later than **10 days** from the publication or service date of this notice. The Board accepts observer request letters by either post or e-mail at the addresses below.

All letters requesting observer status will become part of the public record, which means that the letters will be available for viewing at the Board's offices and will be placed on the Board's website.

Before placing the request for observer status on the public record, the Board will remove any personal (i.e., not business) contact information from the request (i.e., the address, fax number, phone number, and e-mail address of the individual). However, the name of the individual and the content of the request for observer status will become part of the public record.

Observers may also request documents filed by the applicant and other parties to the proceeding but must request these documents directly from the relevant party.

Observers may be required to pay for the costs of reproducing and delivering the material.

Most documents filed in this application will also be available on the Board's website.

How to Contact Us

In responding to this Notice, please reference Board file number **EB-2011-0013/ EB 2011-0014/ EB-2011-0015** in the subject line of your e-mail or at the top of your letter. It is also important that you provide your name, postal address and telephone number and, if available, an e-mail address and fax number. All communications should be directed to the attention of the Board Secretary at the address below, and be received no later than 4:45 p.m. on the required date.

Need More Information?

Further information on how to participate may be obtained by visiting the Board's www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry or by calling our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727.

IMPORTANT

IF YOU DO NOT REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, THE BOARD MAY PROCEED IN YOUR ABSENCE AND YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY FURTHER NOTICE OF THESE PROCEEDINGS.

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DATED at Toronto, March 7th, 2011 **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

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APPENDIX A

Map showing the location of the proposed project

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March 7th, 2011

