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To Whom It May Concern,

As a business operator in the Municipality of Red Lake we fully support the distribution of Union Gas in our community. Red Lake has had a defined need for natural gas for a long period. We are a community that relies on the oil, propane and electricity for all our heating requirements. As a Red Lake business operator this puts us at a distinct financial disadvantage. Not only are these heating methods expensive compared to natural gas they add to our operating expenses and affect our ability to be competitive on a provincial, national and international scale.

Our typical heating and processing costs amount to \$ 5000 annually. Because of the cost savings and efficiency of natural gas we have calculated that we could save 30% of these costs annually or \$ 1500.

Sincerely,

Mark Tracey

Manager, Red Lake Branch