



Red Lake Margaret Cochenour Memorial Hospital

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To Whom It May Concern,

As a business owner/institution 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 many years. We are a community that relies on oil, propane and electricity for all our heating requirements. As an institution that delivers Health Care, we are at a disadvantage. These heating methods are expensive compared to natural gas and they are a significant burden to our operating expenses. These expenses have the potential to affect our financial position with our Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) in terms of signing our Accountability Agreements to balance our budget.

Our typical heating and processing costs amount to \$200,000 annually. Because of the cost savings and efficiency of natural gas we have calculated that we could save 30% of these costs annually or \$60,000.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Debbie Larson'.

Debbie Larson
Acting Chief Executive Officer
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