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IN THE MATTER OF the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.1S, Schedule B; and in particular sections 90, 36.1 (1), 38(1) and 40(1) thereof.

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Union Gas Limited for a regulation designating the area known as the Jacob Pool, in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, as a gas storage area;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Union Gas Limited for authority to inject gas into, store gas in and remove gas from the Jacob Pool, and to enter into and upon the lands in the said area and use the said lands for such purposes;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Union Gas Limited to the Ministry of Natural Resources for licences to drill wells in the said area;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Union Gas Limited for leave to construct a natural gas pipeline and ancillary facilities in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent;

Dear Ms. Walli,

The Kent Federation of Agriculture (KFA) represents over 2000 farmers and landowners in Chatham-Kent. Harry Lawson is a well respected KFA Director. Harry Lawson is the person designated to be the KFA representative in these Proceedings.

April 6th, 2011

It is a responsibility of the KFA to advocate, through the Directors, on behalf of members on rural issues. Harry Lawson has extensive experience involving petroleum industry interaction with property owners.

Federation interests in this proceeding are issues which affect the rural community. These issues include but are not limited to community safety, impacts on farmers and farming operations, fair compensation, and impacts on the local environment including quality of life.

The Federation intends to participate to the fullest extent possible, given that our primary occupation is farming, and the inconvenient timing of this proceeding and its conflict with spring seeding operations.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

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