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Rosemarie T. Leclair
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Dear Rosemarie:

Re: Renewable Natural Gas Application by Enbridge Gas Distribution

I am writing to offer the Association's support for the recent Renewable Natural Gas Application submitted by Enbridge Gas Distribution and Union Gas. AMO supports the drive to make our energy system cleaner, more responsive and more efficient. Encouraging the development of biomethane is good public policy because it will help prolong the life of existing landfills and address solid waste issues as well as offering opportunities to utilize waste products from wastewater treatment plants. Developing a market for renewable natural gas has the added benefit of stimulating regional development within the agricultural and forestry sectors that so many of our communities depend upon for economic sustainability.

Biomethane is a renewable energy that is created from the biogas of Anaerobic Digesters and landfill gas so that it is interchangeable with natural gas. Ontario gas utilities are in a unique position, through their gas supply portfolios, to add a Renewable Natural Gas supply stream, which is a highly efficient use of a raw energy source that utilizes existing utility infrastructure and customer equipment.

Incorporating Renewable Natural Gas into the existing supply stream provides us with an opportunity to reduce Ontario's carbon footprint and minimize local waste issues, while at the same time providing a source of consistent, predictable local supply. Developing a market for renewable natural gas has the added benefit of stimulating regional development.

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We urge the Ontario Energy Board to carefully review this important initiative so that another green energy source is available to Ontario citizens.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary McNamara', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gary McNamara
President

cc: David Lindsay, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Energy