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Att'n: Ms. Kristi Walli, Board Secretary

**Re: EB-2009-0144**  
**Letter from William Cascaden**  
**Dated September 9, 2011**

We have reviewed the correspondence from Mr. William Cascaden, dated September 9, 2011, and his concerns regarding access to his grain storage bins, and wish to provide the following response.

As part of the 2009 Storage Enhancement Project (EB-2009-0144), Union reviewed all of the wells, both injection/withdrawal and observation wells, in the Oil City Pool and determined that work would be required on all of the wells in the pool before the pressure could be increased. Union had two observation wells in the Oil City Pool, while only one was required. When Union reviewed the condition of the A-1 observation well (HE-2-17-IV) on Mr. Cascaden's property, and the data that the well provided in the past, it was determined that it was more efficient to abandon the well rather than complete a work over on the well. It was also Union's understanding that Mr. Cascaden had issues with the well location. Union believed that abandoning the well would benefit both Mr. Cascaden and Union.

The A-1 observation well was abandoned between July 31, 2009 and August 5, 2009 following Union's standard well abandonment program which is acceptable to the Ministry of Natural Resources. Union informed Mr Cascaden about the proposed abandonment.

As with all of Union's operation and maintenance activities it is an objective of Union to minimize disruption to the directly affected landowner. In discussions with Union's field personnel they believe that they met this objective and that Mr. Cascaden's farm operations were not impacted by the abandonment of the observation well. It should be noted, that in the picture attached to Mr. Cascaden's letter it appears that the grain augers used to fill the bins are on the opposite side of the grain bins from the observation well. Union has no record of Mr. Cascaden asking Union's site personnel to do anything different or special during the abandonment of the well to allow him access to his grain bins.

Union will however arrange for a Lands Agent to meet with Mr. Cascaden to review his issues and attempt to resolve them.

Sincerely

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