

COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX

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Ontario Energy Board PO Box 2319 27th Floor 2300 Yonge Street Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Attn: Board Secretary

Re: Amended Notice of Application Leave to Construct a Natural Gas Transmission Pipeline in the County of Huron and the County of Middlesex by Bayfield Pipeline Corporation EB-2011-0078

The County of Middlesex has been in negotiations with Tribute Resources Inc. for the construction of a transmission pipeline within road allowances under the jurisdiction of the County.

Due to the absence of a franchise agreement in this area the parties have been attempting to reach a negotiated agreement to allow for the construction of the pipeline. These talks were suspended around March, 2010 and there are still several issues to be resolved that may or may not allow and agreement to be reached. This may necessitate the pipeline finding an alternative route using roads under other jurisdictions or within easements across private property.

The County requests intervenor status for this application. We cannot support the installation along the proposed preferred route without an agreement that is acceptable to Middlesex County. We plan on continuing negotiations with Tribute Resources Inc. in the interim and if an agreement can be reached the County will withdraw any objection to the application.

Yours truly,

Chris Traini, P.Eng. County Engineer County Engineer's Office

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