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Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
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Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: Union Gas Limited 2008 Storage Gas Enhancement Application, OEB File No: EB-2008-0038

I am writing to request that the Ministry of Natural Resources ("Ministry") be granted intervener status in the above-noted matter.

The Ministry regulates storage wells and the activities associated with the well licences under the *Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act* ("OGSRA"), Ontario Regulation 245/97 made under the OGSRA and the OGSR Operating Standards. The Ministry therefore has a regulatory interest in storage operations, specifically storage wells and storage pool operating pressures. In particular, the Ministry has an interest in the integrity of the storage operations and other subsurface resource activities such as salt solution mining, cavern storage and upstream oil and gas drilling production. As an intervener, the Ministry will assist the Board in ensuring ongoing safety and compatibility of these subsurface activities proposed under Union Gas Limited's proposed new storage pressure regime.

The Ministry has no preference as to whether the hearing is written or oral.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. McDonald", written over a horizontal line.

Melissa McDonald
Counsel

cc Jug Manocha, Petroleum Resources Centre, MNR (via email)
Dan Jones, Assistant General Counsel, Union Gas Limited (via fax)