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**Reference: Case EB-2015-0179 - Union Gas Limited – Application for Exemption**

Dear Sirs,

This letter is sent to show that **I OBJECT AND DO NOT SUPPORT** the reference application from Union Gas.

It appears that Union Gas is willing to apply for OEB exemptions only when it suits them!

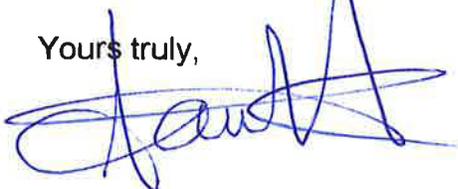
I live in a small hamlet - in 2014 Union Gas argued with the Moffat residents that OEB regulations did not allow them to increase charges to existing customers in order to subsidize installation of gas main supply lines to new Union Gas customers.

And - in late 2014 - based on those OEB regulations - there were fifty-nine or sixty residents of this hamlet who each paid Union Gas about \$3,000 each (for a total of about \$150,000) to meet the Union Gas business case for bringing a natural gas main supply line into this hamlet.

It appears that at least 3 of the 5 communities under this application are First Nations communities. If not justified under existing OMB regulations, the cost of providing any new services such as natural gas to First Nations communities should be borne by the Government (Federal or Provincial) and paid for by ALL taxpayers – not simply forced upon the existing Union Gas customers (especially those of us that had to pay for the privilege of becoming a Union Gas customer!).

I therefore object to the reference application – and I recommend that OEB maintains the existing regulations - and I recommend that OEB does NOT approve the application.

Yours truly,



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