

December 4, 2015

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Ms. Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board Suite 2700, 2300 Yonge Street Toronto, Ontario M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

## Re: Union Gas Limited ("Union") Sudbury Expansion Project Board File # EB-2015-0120

This letter is in response to the Industrial Gas Users Association ("IGUA") correspondence dated December 1, 2015, regarding minor changes which Union Gas Limited ("Union") has proposed for the Sudbury Expansion Project.

IGUA's letter identifies two concerns which Union would like to respond to:

The four changes that Union has submitted to the Ontario Energy Board ("Board") are all minor in nature. Change Requests #1 and #2 extended the pipeline a short distance and changed the location of a road crossing to minimize impacts to other Utilities and the general public using Notre Dame Avenue in Azilda. Change Requests #3 and #4 were changes to the service lateral to Victoria Mine. By moving the location of the customer station it is possible to design the Mine site in a more efficient manner. Victoria Mine has agreed with all of the proposed changes.

Union's position is that these changes do not require notification or review by outside agencies or interveners. They are minor in nature and do not significantly change the scope of the original approval. If the Board had determined these changes to be significant, Union understands that there would have been a more extensive review process to approve the changes.

IGUA also identifies that its members are interested in additional capacity in the Sudbury area. The Sudbury Expansion Project was made up of two components; service to Victoria mine, and additional capacity to meet the growing demands for natural gas in the Sudbury area. The portions of the project associated with meeting the growing demand for natural gas were constructed in 2015, and are available for service this winter.

As stated in the EB-2015-0120 proceeding, Union is prepared to expand the Sudbury system if Industrial Customers sign contracts for firm incremental capacity. These expansions would follow the OEB's EBO 188 Guidelines.

If you have any questions or require additional information please contact me at <u>bwachsmuth@uniongas.com</u> or 519-436-5457.

Sincerely,

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