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Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Union Gas Leamington Expansion Project
Independent Electricity System Operator – Letter of Intervention
Board File No.: EB-2016-0013**

The Independent Electricity System Operator (“IESO”) is writing to request intervenor status in the Union Gas Limited (“Union”) leave to construct application for the Leamington Expansion project in the Municipality of Leamington located within the County of Essex.

The IESO is interested in this proceeding because it administers natural gas-fired generation contracts across Ontario. The IESO has both direct and indirect exposure to changes in gas costs, and thus has an interest in any potential changes in Union’s service territory that may affect rates. The IESO provided need and cost responsibility evidence in Hydro One’s Leave to Construct application (EB-2013-0421) for the Supply to Essex County Transmission Reinforcement (“SECTR”) project for the Windsor-Essex area. The IESO is therefore interested in this proceeding due to its potential relevance on the IESO’s Regional Planning activities in the Windsor-Essex area.

The IESO will not be seeking any cost awards for its participation in this hearing and asks that all correspondence be addressed to Miriam Heinz, Regulatory Coordinator, at 416-969-6045 or by email at miriam.heinz@ieso.ca.

Yours truly,

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