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To Ms Walli

I lived on County Rd 3 (aka Rednersville Rd) Belleville for the past 20 years and even though I can see the city lights from my house I do not get the benefit of inexpensive home heating fuel in the form of natural gas. For years I hear about the benefits of natural gas being the inexpensive and clean source of energy and at the same time the Union Gas refused to expand their service into Prince Edward County on a basis that it represents too low residential density and investments are not viable. In the mean time there are hundreds of homes being build in the form

of new subdivisions. Rednerville Rd is going to be completely reworked which would provide a unique opportunity to install natural gas infrastructure. This is just one specific example of expansion of current services in areas which are not very remote.

Both hydro as well as natural gas are considered monopolies which are necessary to Ontario residence and as such need to be government controlled. I assume that under this type of control the monopoly is allowed for a certain degree of growth using a combination of revenues generated as well as opportunity capital available in the market. Further more, if the growth is to be in a excess of growth rate assumed in the model the funding could be from various sources: customer base, provincial or federal government, private investors. Certainly the existing customers should be the last ones considered since they are already paying for maintaining the current infrastructure as well as certain level of growth. Federal and provincial bodies should be definitely considered as primary investors since they are the ones driving the energy strategy. Provincial government forced green energy strategy by eliminating coal fired generation station and providing lucrative solar opportunities which effectively made our hydro the most expensive in North America. Federal Government is pushing for reduction of green house gases and certainly natural gas represent very clean alternative to oil or wood furnaces. Expanding availability of natural gas not only helps individuals but also will stimulate overall economy by providing inexpensive source of energy.

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