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Attention: Ms. Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary

**Re: Natural Gas Expansion - Generic Hearing  
OEB File No.: EB -2016-0004**

We are counsel to the Municipality of Kincardine, the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie and the Township of Huron-Kinloss (the “Municipalities” or “Southern Bruce”).

Further to Procedural Order No. 1, the Board directed that any party wishing to file evidence in this proceeding must do so on or before Friday March 4, 2016. The Municipalities intend to file evidence in the Generic Hearing and are in the process of preparing three reports for the Board’s consideration. However, the Municipalities will be unable to file this evidence by Friday March 4, 2016. We respectfully request a short filing date extension to Wednesday March 9, 2016.

The reasons for the needed filing extension are as follows:

- On Monday February 22, 2016 the Municipalities executed Franchise Agreements with EPCOR. Much of the prior month was required to finalize these agreements between the parties and to obtain the respective approvals from the three municipal councils. Accordingly, the time available to prepare the Municipalities’ evidence for the Generic Hearing has been constrained in these circumstances.
- The Generic Hearing is the first OEB proceeding which the Municipalities have been involved in. The filing of Southern Bruce evidence, some of which is prepared jointly by multiple parties, requires coordinating the input of the municipalities, including the three Mayors and their senior municipal staff, along with our external advisors. Simply put, we require additional time to ensure that all necessary Southern Bruce officials have adequate opportunity to consider and finalize the evidence.

We very much appreciate the Board’s consideration of this matter.

Yours truly,

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