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**To all Parties in EB-2016-0004
Ontario Energy Board Generic Proceeding – Natural Gas Community
Expansion**

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) initiated a generic proceeding on February 5, 2016, to establish an alternative framework to facilitate the provision of natural gas distribution services in communities that do not have access to natural gas. The OEB issued Procedural Order No. 1 on February 10, 2016 outlining the procedural timelines. The OEB directed that any party wishing to file evidence in the proceeding must do so on or before March 4, 2016.

By letter dated March 3, 2016, the OEB granted an extension to the Municipalities of Kincardine, Arran-Elderslie and the Township of Huron-Kinloss (Southern Bruce) and the Ontario Geothermal Association. On March 4, 2016, several parties filed letters with the OEB requesting an extension to file evidence in the proceeding.

The OEB has decided to suspend the current filing schedule until further notice including the extension provided to Southern Bruce. The OEB will issue a procedural order in due course with a revised schedule.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary