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Kristen Walli, Board Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board  
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Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli,

**Re: Union Gas Panhandle Reinforcement Project**

On behalf of the Windsor Regional Hospitals, Windsor, Ontario, I am writing to indicate our support for the Union Gas Panhandle Reinforcement Project, which has a proposed construction timeline of 2017.

In order to ensure the continued success of our health care facilities (two major in-patient acute care sites in Windsor, ON) sufficient, uninterrupted access to natural gas is required. Currently the gas transmission resources in the Windsor, Essex and Chatham-Kent region are at capacity. Our natural gas deliveries can and are interrupted by Union Gas. We are then required to burn alternative fuels within the main boiler plants. Our Ouellette campus is unable to safely burn alternative fuels and a significant capital investment would be required to do so. These are taxpayer funds that would and should be allocated to direct patient care. In addition, the alternative fuel is a No. 2 Fuel Oil which is very expensive in comparison and leaves a larger carbon footprint than natural gas.

Finally, Windsor Regional Hospital is also planning to replace its two existing facilities with a new state of the art, 1.7 million square foot facility. A non-interruptable natural gas service should be a given for both our current facilities and planned new facility.

Windsor Regional Hospital supports this project.

Regards,

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Director – Corporate Services  
Windsor Regional Hospital

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