

June 28, 2016

Ontario Energy Board
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Attention: Kristen Walli, Board Secretary

RE: Union Gas Panhandle Reinforcement Project

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Dear Ms. Walli ,

On behalf of The Canadian Healthcare Engineers Society (CHES) – Ontario Chapter, I am writing to indicate our support for the Union Gas Panhandle Reinforcement Project, which has a proposed construction timeline of 2017.

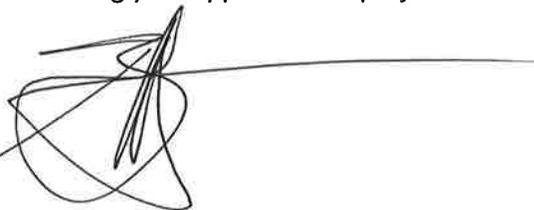
CHES Ontario represents the Physical Plant Directors, Managers and Chief Operating Engineers and membership includes the majority of Healthcare facilities within Ontario.

In order to ensure the continued success of our Healthcare facilities, and to accommodate the expected growth and development of the region in general, sufficient access to natural gas infrastructure is required. Currently, the gas transmission resources in the Windsor, Essex and Chatham-Kent regions are at capacity and an expansion of service will be necessary to support further economic development including the planned Super Hospital for Windsor.

Without the Panhandle Expansion Project our members in SW Ontario will continue to have their gas deliveries interrupted by Union Gas and are then required to burn alternative fuels within the main boiler plants. In most cases the alternative fuel is No 2 Oil which is very expensive in comparison to, and leaves a larger carbon footprint than natural gas.

As a result, CHES – Ontario is strongly in support of this project.

Sincerely,



Roger Holliss, President
CHES – Ontario



Cc CHES – Board of Directors
Union Gas Ltd.