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Dear Mr. Wachsmuth:

**Re: Union Gas Limited
2016 Leamington Expansion Project
Change Requests
Board File No. EB-2016-0013**

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) is in receipt of your letter dated July 12, 2016. In the letter, Union requested approval of two changes to the Leamington Expansion Project.

The first change is to connect the pipeline to the existing Mersea Road 6 Station, which is along the pipeline route. The second change is to use the open cut technique for the installation of the pipeline crossing County Road 18 instead of using directional drilling.

As the Manager, Applications Policy and Climate Change, I have been delegated the authority of the OEB under Section 6 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* to determine whether Union's proposals will result in material changes to the leave to construct granted by the OEB in the EB-2016-0013 proceeding. I have been further granted the authority to approve any changes that I have concluded are not material.

You indicated that for the first change there are no additional construction or restoration practices, no new environmental mitigation measures are required, and no additional land rights are required. In addition, you noted that Union consulted with the Municipality of Leamington and the Municipality has no concerns. The cost associated with this change is \$100,000, which the contingency for this project would cover.

You provided information on the impact of the second change in both the change request letter and in your response to questions from the OEB. You noted that Union will follow its standard construction practices and the County of Essex's standards for open cutting a County Road. In addition, you noted that Union received the necessary permits, approvals, and authorizations from the Essex Region Conservation Authority, the Municipality of Leamington, the County of Essex, and the Ministry of Transportation. Also, you noted that no additional land rights are required and the cost associated with this change is \$25,000.

Based on my review of the information provided, I find that the described changes do not materially impact the leave granted by the OEB to construct the pipeline. I hereby approve the two proposed changes.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

Pascale Duguay
Manager, Applications Policy and Climate Change