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W.T. Wachsmuth
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Dear Mr. Wachsmuth

**Re: 2016 Sudbury Replacement Project – EB-2016-0122
Request to Vary
Change Request No. 4**

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) is in receipt of the letter dated December 16, 2016 from Union Gas Limited (Union) advising the OEB of a change to the 2016 Sudbury Replacement Project (Change Request No. 4).

The change relates to a delay of construction of the 150 metre eastern section of the pipeline crossing Frood Road, which is proposed to be completed in 2017 instead in 2016 as it was planned. According to Union, the delay is due to the late completion of the 700 metre western section of the 2016 Sudbury Replacement Project. Union estimated a cost increase of about \$15,000 due to the proposed change.

As the Manager, Application 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 proposal will result in material changes to the leave to construct granted by the OEB in the EB-2016-0122 proceeding. I have been further granted the authority to approve any changes that I have concluded are not material.

I note that the delay in construction will not cause any changes in land requirements, or in construction and environmental practices identified in Union's evidence. I also note that the estimated incremental costs presented therein can be covered by the contingencies contained in the EB-2016-0122 proceeding. Finally, the actual costs of

the project will be reported to the OEB in the Post-Construction Financial Report in the proceeding where the capital costs of this project are proposed to be included in rate base.

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 proposed change of construction schedule.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

Pascale Duguay
Manager, Application Policy and Climate Change