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RE: Application for Union Gas Limited ("Union") 2017 Storage Enhancement Project Board File Number EB-2016-0322

Dear Madam,

I am writing to request that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry ("MNRF") be granted Intervenor Status in the above-noted matter.

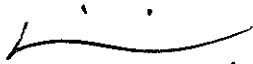
The MNRF regulates storage wells and the activities associated with well licences under the *Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act* ("OGSRA"), Ontario Regulation 245/97 made under the OGSRA, and the Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Operating Standards. The MNRF therefore has a direct regulatory interest in integrity of storage operations. As an Intervenor, the MNRF can assist the Board by providing technical expertise and submissions.

The MNRF does not have any preference as to whether the hearing should be written or oral.

The MNRF does not intend to seek an award of costs in this matter.

Communication regarding this application may be directed to the undersigned.

Yours truly,



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c. Mr. Jug Manocha, Petroleum Resources Centre, MNRF (via e-mail)