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Our File No. 948-22-0016

January 24, 2017

Union Gas Limited
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Attention: Bill Wachsmuth / Mark Murray

**RE: Union Gas Limited Application for Approval of 2017 Storage
Enhancement Project – Interrogatory Questions**

- **Board File Number: EB-2016-0322**

Dear Sirs,

In accordance with OEB Procedural Order No. 1, issued Jan. 10, 2017, please find attached the MNRF interrogatories.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "DK", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Demetrius Kappos
Counsel
Legal Services Branch

Encl.
c.: Parties to EB-2016-0322

UNION GAS LIMITED

Application for approval to increase the operating pressures in certain natural gas storage pools, to drill natural gas storage wells and to construct a natural gas pipeline in the Township of Dawn-Euphemia in Lambton County.

EB-2016-0322**INTERROGATORIES OF THE MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND FORESTRY****Request to Vary Condition on Maximum Operating Pressure in Dawn 156 Pool:**Interrogatory 1

[Ref: Evidence, pages 5-6, 7-10, paragraphs 19-23, 28-42]

Preamble:

Union Gas is proposing to delta pressure and increase the maximum operating pressure of the Dawn 156 pool. The applicant seeks to vary the approval that was granted to it in the EB-2007-0633 proceeding to effectively increase the pressure gradient to 17.2 kPa/m (0.76 psi/ft.).

Questions:

1. Please comment on the adequacy of the cap rock to withstand the higher pressure proposed.
2. Are there any public safety or environmental concerns resulting from the increased pressure?
3. Please comment on these concerns and how they have been mitigated.

Note: At this time the MNRF does not have any other interrogatories. We reserve the right to participate and follow-up on the applicant's responses to other interrogatories.