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Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
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Attention: Ms. Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Walli:

Subject: EB-2016-0137, EB-2016-0138, EB-2016-0139 – EPCOR letter, dated April 6, 2017

We are interested and surprised that Epcor, a potential new entrant in the Ontario natural gas market, objects to the participation of another potential new entrant in this precedent-setting proceeding.

The residents and business owners in the North Shore municipalities of Marathon, Terrace Bay, Schreiber, Manitouwadge, and Wawa share precisely the same interests as those in the Southern Bruce municipalities. They want lower-cost, more reliable, and cleaner energy.

Now the fortunes of both groups have been bound together by a new and untried regulatory process initiated by the Board.

We can only surmise what direction Phase 1 will take. However, it will be in Phase 2 that the resulting principles and guidelines will be tested against a real-world project. Consequential rules and orders will directly affect future Board proceedings and will impact the viability of future expansions, including the North Shore project.

Northeast Midstream is eager to participate in Phase 2 to help ensure that precedents do not impair the built-out of natural gas service to the North Shore and elsewhere. We thank you and look forward to the Board's determination in this matter.

Yours truly,


Joshua Samuel