

July 7, 2017

**RESS and Courier** 

Ms. Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli,

# Re: Union Gas Limited ("Union") 2017 Storage Enhancement Project Board File # EB-2016-0322

Please find attached Change Request 1, for the above-noted project.

Union believes that this change is not significant and would appreciate your timely review and approval of this request, as construction is in progress.

In the event that you have any questions or would like to discuss in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact me at 519-436-5457.

Sincerely,

[original signed by]

W. T. (Bill) Wachsmuth, RPF Senior Administrator, Regulatory Projects

cc: Nancy Marconi, OEB Zora Crnojacki, OEB

# **REQUEST TO VARY**

Project Name: 2017 Storage Enhancement Project

**OEB file Number:** EB-2016-0322

**Request to Vary:** 1

## **Description and Rationale for Change**

Union is proposing the following changes in the Dawn 156 Storage Pool:

As identified in Unions pre filed evidence Union is proposing to abandon well D-223. After the well has been abandoned Union will remove the gathering pipeline that serves the well, and remove the road access to the well. Removing the pipeline and access road will avoid any future conflicts with agricultural operations in the field. Union's original plan had been to leave the pipeline and road access in place.

As identified in Unions pre-filed evidence Union is proposing to convert well D-230 to an observation well. Once this well has been converted to an observation well it is no longer necessary to have the well connected to the gathering system in the Pool. The NPS 6 gathering pipeline between Wells D-286 and D-230 will be abandoned. Due to its proximity of the gathering line to the existing road network that is still required, it is Unions plan is to abandon this pipeline in place following the TSSA guidelines. Union's original plan had been to leave the observation well connected to the gathering system

Union would also like to correct an omission on Schedule 11 of the pre filed evidence. This schedule shows well D-219 and an NPS 4 pipeline connecting this well to the gathering system. This well was abandoned and the gathering pipeline removed in 2007.

# **Construction and Restoration Practices**

Union will follow its standard construction practices for the removal of the pipeline. The TSSA abandonment guidelines will be followed during the abandonment of the facilities. The land will be returned to their current condition once construction has been completed.

#### Environmental

No new environmental mitigation measures will be required.

# Consultation

Union has discussed the changes with the directly affected landowners, who have not identified any concerns.

#### Lands

The landowners have not identified any concerns with Unions proposal.

# Costs

As this project is part of Union's un-regulated storage business, any costs increase will not be borne by Union's ratepayers. The proposed changes will increase the costs of the project by less than \$10,000. These additional costs can be covered by the project contingencies.

## Schedule

This change will not result in a change to the in-service date of the project.

# Attachments

A map showing the pipelines and access roads that will be removed or abandoned can be found at Schedule 1.

# PROPOSED FACILITIES: DAWN 156 POOL

