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**BY E-MAIL** 

August 8, 2017

W.T. (Bill) Wachsmuth, RFP Senior Administrator Regulatory Projects Union Gas Limited P.O. Box 2001 50 Keil Drive North Chatham ON N7M 5M1

Dear Mr. Wachsmuth:

## Re: Union Gas Limited (Union Gas) 2018 Sudbury Replacement Project Board File Number EB-2017-0180

This is to inform you that the Board will cancel the remaining steps in the EB-2017-0180 proceeding until Union Gas files complete documentation on the Indigenous consultation activities related to the 2018 Sudbury Replacement Project.

According to section 3.3 of OEB Environmental Guidelines for the Location, Construction and Operation of Hydrocarbon Pipelines and Facilities in Ontario (OEB Environmental Guidelines):

"Prior to the leave to construct record being closed by the OEB, the Ministry of Energy will provide a letter to the applicant expressing its view on the adequacy of the Indigenous consultation based on materials provided to the Ministry of Energy." (OEB Environmental Guidelines, page 18)

On July 25, 2017, in response to OEB staff interrogatory no. 6, Union Gas indicated that its Indigenous Consultation Report provided to the Ministry of Energy (Ministry):

"...is currently being reviewed and that Union will receive a letter from MOE in the next month. This letter will inform Union if there is a duty to consult, and provide MOE's comments regarding the consultation activities that Union has completed to date. Union also expects this letter to comment on the proposed consultation activities that Union is proposing to undertake between OEB approval and completion of construction."

According to Procedural Order No. 1, issued on July 7, 2017, the OEB staff submission in the current proceeding is due by August 9, 2017, and Union Gas' reply submission, if any, is due by August 16, 2017. As it is now August 9, 2017 and the OEB has not received the letter referred to in your response to interrogatory no. 6, the Board has cancelled the remaining schedule set in the Procedural Order No. 1. The new schedule for the balance of this proceeding will be issued after the OEB receives complete documentation on the Indigenous consultation activities as required by the OEB Environmental Guidelines.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary