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BY E-MAIL

September 29, 2017

Bill Wachsmuth Union Gas Limited Senior Administrator, Regulatory Projects 50 Keil Drive North P.O. Box 2001 Chatham ON N7M 5M1 <u>bwachsmuth@uniongas.com</u>

Dear Mr. Wachsmuth:

Re: Community Expansion Project – EB-2015-0179 Request to Vary Change Request Nos. 1, 2 and 3

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) is in receipt of your letter dated September 19, 2017 in which Union Gas Limited (Union) advised the OEB of three changes to the Community Expansion Project (Change Request Nos. 1, 2 and 3).

As the Manager, Applications Policy and Climate Change, I have been delegated the authority of the OEB under section 6 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998 to determine whether Union's proposals will result in material changes to the leave to construct granted by the OEB in the EB-2016-0179 proceeding. I have been further granted the authority to approve any changes that I have concluded are not material.

I address each of the three change requests in the following sections.

Change Request No. 1

This request pertains to the Kettle and Stony Point First Nation and Lambton Shores Community Expansion Project. It involves the relocation of a pressure regulating station. The location originally intended for the station is located in the apex of the south west corner of the intersection of Army Camp Road and Ravenswood Line. Subsequent to its LTC application, Union has learned that the apex is required by the municipality to provide "daylighting", or the ability for motorists to have an unobstructed view throughout the intersection. As a result, Union proposes to reorient and relocate the station within the private property adjacent to the "daylighted" road allowance.

Union has indicated the following:

- 1. This change will not modify the project's construction methods, environmental mitigation measures, costs or schedule
- 2. Union has discussed the change with affected landowners and the municipality; no concerns were identified
- 3. Union has purchased the necessary land

Based on my review of the information provided, I find that the described change does not materially impact the leave granted by the OEB to construct the pipeline. I hereby approve the proposed change.

Change Request No. 2

This request pertains to the Milverton Rostock Wartburg Community Expansion Project. In an effort to minimize disturbance to business, Union proposes to serve certain areas of downtown Milverton by using side streets and laneways rather than using main streets as originally proposed. Additionally, Union is proposing to serve two new subdivisions off the Milverton distribution system sooner than originally planned.

Union has indicated the following:

- 1. These changes will not modify the project's construction methods, environmental mitigation measures, or schedule
- 2. These changes will increase the first year project costs by \$40,000; however, the 10year project costs are not materially changed as some of these pipelines were planned to be constructed in later years
- 3. Union has discussed the changes with affected landowners and the municipality; no concerns were identified
- 4. With one exception, Union has acquired additional land rights and filed copies of the executed landowner agreements. The form of easement agreement for the additional Land Rights was approved by the OEB in its February 23, 2017 Decision and Order in Union's Panhandle Replacement Project (EB-2016-0186). The one exception is a landowner who is currently out of the country but has committed in an email to signing an easement agreement by the end of September, 2017
- 5. Every resident and business who would have had access to gas under the original plan will have access to gas if the changes are approved

Based on my review of the information provided, I find that the described changes do not materially impact the leave granted by the OEB to construct the pipeline. I hereby approve the proposed changes.

Change Request No. 3

This request pertains to the Kettle and Stony Point First Nation and Lambton Shores Expansion Project. It involves changes intended to make construction more efficient (for example installing pipe on both sides of certain streets to shorten service connections).

Union has indicated the following:

- 1. These changes will not modify the project's construction methods, environmental mitigation measures, project costs or schedule
- 2. The proposed changes do not alter the project's permanent or temporary land use requirements as construction remains within the previously disturbed portions of the road allowance
- 3. Union has discussed the changes with the municipality and the First Nation; no concerns were identified
- 4. Every resident and business who would have had access to gas under the original plan will have access to gas if the changes are approved

Based on my review of the information provided, I find that the described changes do not materially impact the leave granted by the OEB to construct the pipeline. I hereby approve the proposed changes.

Yours truly,

Original Signed by

Pascale Duguay Manager, Applications Policy and Climate Change