

November 7, 2017

**RESS** 

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")

Panhandle Jefferson Replacement Project

**Board File # EB-2017-0118** 

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,

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

cc: Nancy Marconi, OEB Zora Crnojacki, OEB Ritchie Murray, OEB

# **REQUEST TO VARY**

Project Name: Panhandle Jefferson Replacement Project

**OEB file Number:** EB-2017-0118

Request to Vary: 1

### **Description and Rationale for Change**

Union is now proposing to construct this project in 2018. It has been necessary to move this project to 2018 for the following reasons:

- Union could not construct the project until it had all of the land rights in place. Obtaining the necessary land rights form the city of Windsor took longer than anticipated and the final documents were not signed until October 17, 2017
- As stated on page 10 of the environmental protection plan union was required to complete species at risk
  assessments along the route of the proposed pipeline. Union was required to complete a fall survey for
  Willow Leaf Aster. This survey could not be completed until late September. The results of the survey
  were negative and no Willow Leaf Aster was found along the route of the proposed pipeline.
- Pipeline construction is proposed to take 8-10 weeks. Starting construction in late October would mean
  that construction would not be completed until late December or early January. Depending on weather and
  operating conditions on the Panhandle System it may not be possible to shut down the existing NPS 16
  pipeline to tie the proposed facilities into the existing system.
- Construction in November and December is possible but it's expected to be wet conditions and snow, it is preferred to construct the pipeline in April and May of 2018.

## **Construction and Restoration Practices**

There are no changes to the Construction and Restorations practices identified in Union's pre-filed evidence.

## **Environmental**

No new environmental mitigation measures will be required.

## Consultation

Union will discuss the change with the directly affected landowners.

#### Lands

No additional lands are required.

#### Costs

Deferring the Project to 2018 will increase the project costs by \$15,000. These additional costs can be covered by the contingencies identified in Union's pre-filed evidence.

#### Schedule

The in-service date of the project is proposed to be July 30, 2018.