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Ontario Energy Board  
P.O. Box 2319  
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor  
Toronto, Ontario M4P 1E4

Attn: Ms. Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Walli,

**Re: Application for Intervenor Status EB-2017-0306**

The Ontario Petroleum Institute (OPI) is the industry association ([www.ontariopetroleuminstitute.com](http://www.ontariopetroleuminstitute.com)) that represents the oil and natural gas exploration, production and hydrocarbon storage industries in Ontario. Ontario has been producing oil since 1858, and natural gas in the 1880's.

The OPI, formed in 1963, has a membership that includes commercial oil and gas production companies, drilling contractors, well and oilfield services, geologists, geophysicists and engineers, environmental consultants, financial/legal services, land services, trades and utilities.

The OPI's primary objective is to encourage the responsible exploration and development of oil and natural gas as part of the sector's contribution to the provincial economy. Ontario's oil and natural gas industry provides \$77 million in direct oil and natural gas product revenues, annual investments of \$25 - 30 million in capital expenditures, 700 full time jobs, \$20 million in salary and wages and 1500 additional indirect jobs as well as generating \$7 million in annual royalties, and significant yearly corporate taxes that play a vital role in the prosperity and well-being of Ontario's economy.

The Ontario Energy Board Hearing EB-2017-0306 regarding the application by Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. and Union Gas Limited for approval to amalgamate to form a single gas distribution, transportation and storage company is of significant importance to Ontario companies exploring and producing natural gas.

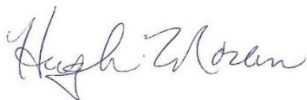
Currently Ontario produces and sells 5.5 billion cubic feet of natural gas, directly and indirectly, to Ontario consumers through Union Gas by way of either a Gas Purchase Agreement or a M13 Contract. It is critical that the industry be informed on the application and involved in the process to ensure that the amalgamation sustains or enhances the present arrangements.

The nature and scope of the OPI's participation in the hearing will include:

- i) a review the application filed by Enbridge Gas and Union Gas;
- ii) written and/or oral comments on the impact and potential effect of the amalgamation on Ontario companies and individuals ability to sell natural gas to consumers.;
- iii) a review of the OEB decision; and
- iv) comment on the OEB decision.

The OPI respectfully requests "Intervenor Status" in the Ontario Energy Board Hearing EB-2017-0306 and is not seeking an award of costs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hugh Moran".

Hugh Moran  
Executive Director