**EB-2021-0269 December 6, 2021**

We want to Thank the Ontario Energy Board for allowing our inclusion in this matter, EB-2021-0269, and to hear our comments during your hearings.

JAKO Developments Inc. is finishing a new rural subdivision, Forest Creek Estates www.forestcreekestates.ca– with 58 building lots within a 200-acre plot of land. Lot 20 and lot 21 Concession 10, West Grey, and shown on your West Grey map as Lemko.

Housing construction started in 2018 and we currently have 28 homes occupied, and 17 more are being constructed at this date. All available lots have been sold to individuals committed to building a home within 24 months.

 Our desire to have natural gas service within Forest Creek Estates is very real. These are new homes, with new families. We have the option to equip our homes with propane for appliances and heating for the short term until natural gas service can reach us.

In reviewing Appendix F, it would be our understanding that homes and farms on the east edge of Grey Road 3 would be served with this natural gas expansion. However, we note that our property is 1800 meters east of the Grey Road 3 proposed area of service.

**Question 1**:  *Would EPCOR be able to include our subdivision within the current West Grey Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity?*

As a local resident of West Grey, my personal suggestion would be to amend the area to be served.

The NORTH, WEST, and SOUTH boundaries could remain the same to avoid conflict of service. The EAST boundary, if adjusted, could move to the Mulock Road, 4 kilometers east.

The addition of 4000 meters of gas line along the south limit would allow service to over 8000 acres of properties. This area has had extensive subdivision over the years and by my count includes the following:

Forest Creek Estates 58 homes

Community of Crawford 41 homes

Rural Acreage Residences 81 homes- many with small business enterprises

Farm Rural Residences 36 homes- many with farm shops

The 216 homes within this area should be the ideal recipients of the Ontario Natural Gas Expansion Program.

Other facilities within the expanded area are:

Trailer Park / Campgrounds 4

Rural Churches 2

Licensed Aggregate Pits 2

Community Store 1

Restaurant 1

**Question 2:** *Would EPCOR consider the suggested alteration to their West Grey CPCN to include these potential customers for natural gas service?*

Our request to alter the boundaries may be over simplified for the current situation, however, making a reasonable change at this point, would definitely meet the greater goals of all interested parties.

JAKO Developments Inc. looks forward to partnering with gas distributors and the Ontario Energy Board to facilitate this expansion project.

Respectfully submitted,

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