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Ontario Energy Board  
P.O. Box 2319  
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor  
Toronto ON M4P 1E4  
Attn: Ms. Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary

EB-2016-0004

Re: **Union Gas Application EB-2015-0179**

Dear Ms. Walli:

I am pleased to offer my full support to the **Township of Prince** regarding **Union Gas Application EB-2015-0179** community expansion project. The Township and people of this community have put great effort and consideration into advancing interest and involvement in this worthwhile project. Gauging from the response received, this initiative has proven to be well received by residents and the business community alike.

Across Ontario, and especially here in the north where people face skyrocketing heating costs, citizens are seeking opportunities access cost efficient and environmentally responsible sources of energy. Many citizens and business have purposely delayed much needed upgrades to their heating systems in order to take advantage of the benefits available through natural gas energy. Many have looked forward with great anticipation to replacing worn out and outdated systems with new efficient technologies. To delay further, many may be forced to make unnecessary repairs or replacement to equipment that just can't be put off any longer, causing unfortunate financial hardship and perhaps force a delay in their immediate participation.

I encourage the OEB to expeditiously proceed with this application in order to ensure that the citizens of Prince Township can soon proceed with long anticipated plans to switch to natural gas energy.

Sincerely,

Michael Mantha, MPP  
Algoma-Manitoulin

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Cc: The Hon. Bob Chiarelli, Minister of Energy  
Mayor Ken Lamming, Prince Township

