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Ontario Energy Board
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Attention: John Pickernell, Assistant Board Secretary

Re: Board File No. EB-2008-0273 - Union Gas and Natural Resource Gas Limited

Please accept this Letter of Comment respecting the above-mentioned application to the Ontario Energy Board.


The Municipality of Bayham has in place a Franchise Agreement with NRG for gas service affecting the majority of our municipal boundaries. The Municipality is home to approximately 6750 residents and a number of industrial and commercial customers who are served by Natural Resource Gas Limited via this agreement.

The Municipality notes that the application filed by Union Gas seeks approval to discontinue service of natural gas to Natural Resource Gas Limited (NRG). While it is assumed that the OEB is unlikely to issue any decisions that would interrupt the supply of natural gas locally, the Municipality of Bayham notes its significant concerns with any potential for interruption of natural gas service to its residents and local business.

The Municipality also respectfully requests that the OEB ensure that any decisions issued and any actions taken by the parties ensure the financial stability of NRG, and by extension do not negatively affect the rates charged to local consumers. Competitive local rates and the ability to provide service to new industrial and commercial enterprises are crucial to our local economy.

The Municipality of Bayham thanks the Ontario Energy Board for its consideration of these comments. If anything further is required, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly


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Administrator