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Attn: Deb Roberts, Vice President

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ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

EB-2016-0004

Dear Deb Roberts,

Please find enclosed a certified true copy of resolution no. 12605 in support of the letter of comment sent to the Ontario Energy Board by the Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus regarding the expansion of natural gas service to all Eastern Ontario rural areas.

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Gail Jaremy'.

Gail Jaremy  
CAO/Clerk  
Township of Hornepayne

Encl.

c.c.: Township of North Stormont

The Corporation of the Township of Hornepayne  
68 Front Street, PO Box 370  
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COUNCIL RESOLUTION

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NO. 12605

SECONDED BY: w. loup  
signature

DATE: APR 20 2016

**WHEREAS** the OEB file EB-2015-0179 (dated July 23, 2015) application and pre-filed evidence from Union Gas Limited is seeking approval of its proposed Community Expansion Program with intent to support the expansion of infrastructure necessary to provide natural gas to communities that would otherwise not receive natural gas service (Rural areas);

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Energy Board issued a Notice for Public Hearing EB-2016-004 (dated January 2016) regarding OEB's intent to review the following issues in May 2016:

1. Should the OEB implement new ratemaking mechanisms including changes to current economic tests to encourage utilities to expand natural gas distribution service to new communities? If so, what should these new mechanisms be?
2. Should the OEB consider imposing conditions or making other changes to Municipal Franchise Agreements and Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity to reduce barriers to natural gas expansion?
3. Does the OEB have the authority to require the ratepayers of one utility to subsidize the costs of another utility to expand into new communities? If so, under what circumstances (if any) would this be appropriate?

**WHEREAS** the Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus's letter of comment (dated April 6, 2016) regarding the Ontario Energy Board's Generic Proceeding EB-2016-004 with intent for the Warden Caucus to support the initial application from Union Gas (EB-2015-0179) and also similar entities that wish to expand natural gas service to rural and remote communities;

**WHEREAS** the Township of North Stormont has signed a 20 year Franchise Agreement with Enbridge and has attempted many communications with them to have natural gas service in the East part of our Township without any responses or actions being taken by Enbridge;

**WHEREAS** the West part of the Township of North Stormont is being served by Union Gas and that the separation is even made on the West side of a road (served by Union Gas) versus the East side of the same road (unserved by Enbridge);

**WHEREAS** the Township of North Stormont made representation with union Gas to endeavor possible development of the natural gas services on the East side of the Township;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Hornepayne request the OEB examine the proposal to expand natural gas services and make it available to all of Eastern Ontario rural areas such as the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry and the United Counties of Prescott-Russell as it is vital to their Economic Development and to Business Expansion and retention as well as to the increase of employability in those sectors.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** this resolution supports the letter of comment sent to the Ontario Energy board by the Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus and will be forwarded to the Premier, the OEB and the Ministers of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure, Energy and Agriculture and Rural Affairs.

☒ Carried ☐ Defeated ☐ Deferred

[Signature]  
signature of presiding officer

| RECORDED VOTE:            | YES | NO  |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|
| Councillor Ginger Latoski | ___ | ___ |
| Councillor Willy Liebigt  | ___ | ___ |
| Councillor Drago Stefanic | ___ | ___ |
| Councillor Paul Stewart   | ___ | ___ |
| Mayor Morley Forster      | ___ | ___ |

I, Gail Jaremy, CAO/Clerk for the Corporation of the Township of Hornepayne do certify that this document is a true copy of:

**Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof.** Resolution: 12605 By-Law: \_\_\_\_\_

(Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Name) \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Disclosed the pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence. This 5th day of May, 20 16

(Clerk)

Gail Jaremy  
CAO/Clerk  
Township of Hornepayne