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Peterborough & the Kawarthas Chamber of Commerce  
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Ontario Energy Board

***Re: Letter of Comment for Application EB-2025-0329***

On behalf of The Peterborough + Kawarthas Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to express our strong support for natural gas in the Peterborough region. We believe natural gas aligns with the long-term needs of our province and will deliver meaningful benefits to both businesses and residents.

As a local business association representing 800 members in the Peterborough community, we see clear benefits natural gas provides communities. In particular it:

- Contributes to local economic growth by creating jobs and supporting local suppliers
- Improves reliability, affordability and availability of products for local businesses and residents
- Strengthening community's ability to attract and retain investment by ensuring modern and reliable infrastructure
- Increases viable and diverse sources of required utilities that industry and businesses can have access to

As Ontario's energy needs evolve, our members require infrastructure that is scalable, predictable, and integrated with broader planning. The province's Integrated Energy Plan reinforces the need for long-term certainty in our energy system to support not only housing delivery demands, but economic growth, and community resilience.

Natural gas is essential to the success of our members. It powers manufacturing facilities, commercial operations, housing developments, and community infrastructure. In a region where affordability, economic competitiveness, and reliable energy sources are top priorities, natural gas remains a critical energy source that supports business continuity and growth.

We believe that maintaining a diversified energy mix, including natural gas, strengthens our province's competitiveness while ensuring energy security and affordability for families and employers alike.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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