

June 21, 2017

Town of Kingsville
Jennifer Astrologo
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk
2021 Division Road, Kingsville, Ontario N9Y 2Y9

Subject: Initiation of Environmental Study for Union Gas Kingsville Transmission Reinforcement Project

Dear Mayor Santos and Members of Council:

To meet the growing residential, commercial and industrial demand for natural gas in Windsor-Essex, Chatham-Kent and surrounding areas, including the fast growing greenhouse market in the Leamington and Kingsville area, Union Gas is proposing to construct up to a 20-inch natural gas pipeline in the Town of Lakeshore / Town of Kingsville. This project will help contribute to furthering economic development in the region by increasing access to affordable natural gas.

The proposed pipeline will be approximately 17 km in length and will begin at Union Gas' existing 20-inch Panhandle Pipeline, with a new valve site between Belle River Rd./CR 27 and French Line Rd./CR 31 in Lakeshore. The proposed pipeline will end at a new valve site located at Conc. Rd. 3 E. and Graham Side Rd., or at an existing valve site located at Conc. Rd. 2 East and Graham Side Rd., both in Kingsville. A map of the study area is included with the 'Initiation of Environmental Study' notice attached. A preferred pipeline route has yet to be determined and will be selected in consultation with key stakeholders, landowners and the surrounding community.

Ontario Energy Board (OEB) review and approval is required before this project can proceed. We plan to submit an application to the OEB in the spring of 2018. If approved, construction of the project could begin as early as the spring of 2019.

Stantec has been retained to prepare an environmental study to assess any potential environmental and socio-economic effects that may result from the project and outline plans for avoiding and/or mitigating any effects, where possible. As mentioned, a key part of the planning process involves consultation and engagement with landowners, municipalities, agencies, Indigenous and surrounding communities, and other interested parties through information notices, meetings, and public information sessions, the first of which is planned for the summer of 2017.

We value our longstanding relationship with the Town of Kingsville. With over 100 years of bringing safe and affordable natural gas to over 400 communities across Ontario, we know success lies in working with the communities we serve. You are invited to participate in this project and provide feedback to Stantec. Their contact information is located in the accompanying 'Initiation of Environmental Study.'

If you have any other questions about the project, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,



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UNION GAS PIPELINE PROJECT INITIATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY

Kingsville Transmission Reinforcement Project

To increase capacity and accommodate additional demand for natural gas, Union Gas is proposing to construct an up to 20-inch natural gas pipeline. The proposed pipeline will meet the growing residential, commercial, and industrial market demand for natural gas in the Windsor-Essex, Chatham-Kent, and surrounding areas, including the fast-growing greenhouse market in the Leamington and Kingsville area.

The proposed pipeline will be approximately 17 km in length and will begin at Union Gas' existing 20-inch Panhandle Pipeline, with a new valve site and tie-in between Belle River Road/County Road 27 and French Line Road/County Road 31 in the Town of Lakeshore, Essex County. The proposed pipeline will end at a new valve site located at the southwest corner of Concession Road 3 East and Graham Side Road, or at an existing valve site located at the northwest corner of Concession Road 2 East and Graham Side Road, both in the Town of Kingsville, Essex County.

A preferred route for the proposed pipeline has not been determined at this time.

As an integral part of this project, Union Gas has hired Stantec Consulting Ltd. to undertake an environmental study of the construction and operation of the proposed pipeline and related facilities. The environmental study will fulfill the requirements of the Ontario Energy Boards' (OEB) *Environmental Guidelines for the Location, Construction and Operation of Hydrocarbon Pipelines and Facilities in Ontario (2016)*.

The environmental study process will include consultation and engagement with landowners, municipalities, agencies, Indigenous communities, and other interested parties through notices, mailouts, meetings, and Open Houses, the first of which is being planned for the summer of 2017. A Stantec-authored Environmental Report will accompany the Union Gas application to the OEB, whose review and approval is needed before the project can proceed. If approved, construction could begin as early as Spring/Summer 2019.

If you have questions or comments regarding the project or the environmental study process, please contact:

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