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Your Worship:

On behalf of our 1.4 million Ontario customers and 2,400 employees, Union Gas believes we are obligated to bring an important issue to your attention which, if left unchecked, will hit your constituents with higher energy costs and threaten the competitiveness and vitality of Ontario's economy.

TransCanada Pipeline's (TCPL) Energy East oil pipeline project was filed with the National Energy Board on October 30, 2014. As filed, the project will increase natural gas costs for hardworking Ontarians and employers, and reduce important supplies of natural gas to eastern Ontario to serve existing and future customers.

Ensuring Canadian energy can safely and reliably reach consumers in Ontario, across Canada and throughout the global marketplace is a fundamental priority for Union Gas. It is however completely unacceptable for TCPL to disadvantage existing customers, forcing them to pay for someone else's pipeline while reducing access to natural gas in the process. Yet that is TCPL's current plan, to take an existing portion of the natural gas pipeline between North Bay and Cornwall – which is fully used by natural gas consumers, especially important during the coldest months of the year – and convert it to oil. TCPL then proposes that Ontarians should pay for a new, smaller natural gas pipeline which will supply less natural gas.

There is a simple solution: TCPL should build and pay for a new oil pipeline from North Bay to Cornwall. With this approach, we would support Energy East.

Union Gas has been serving Ontarians for 100 years and we have nothing to lose or gain commercially from taking a stand on the Energy East pipeline. In the spirit of serving and protecting our customers for over a century, we have spent the last year in discussions with TCPL and other partners in an effort to resolve the issue. We continue to hope a resolution is possible, however TCPL's filing of the project with the National Energy Board has further jeopardized a positive outcome.

Ontario is already struggling to compete and recover from the economic recession. Affordable energy is a critical piece of Ontario's economic development. In order for this project to be truly in the national interest, it has to represent Ontario's best interests. TCPL's current proposal falls short. To learn more, please refer to the attached briefing note and visit [www.fairenergieeast.ca](http://www.fairenergieeast.ca).

**We urge you to join us in defending Ontario's natural gas customers and ensure your constituents' interests are heard on this important issue by letting TCPL know your concerns.**

Please let us know if you need further information or background. Your local District Manager, Steven Jelich, would be pleased to answer your questions at 705-475-7914 or email at [sjelich@uniongas.com](mailto:sjelich@uniongas.com).

Sincerely,

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