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OEB Issues Decision and Order in Trafalgar Pipeline Expansion

Toronto – Today the Ontario Energy Board (the Board) issued a Decision and Order granting Union Gas Limited (Union) leave to construct 18.1 kilometers of 48 inch diameter natural gas pipeline and ancillary facilities to expand the Trafalgar transmission system in the County of Middlesex.

The expansion will allow Union to increase the capacity of the Trafalgar transmission system to meet increasing natural gas requirements for current and future customers. Construction is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2007, and the pipeline will be in service later that year.

In its Decision the Board noted:

- There would be no adverse impacts on Union's ratepayers, and the added capacity is matched with new contracts;
- Design specifications for the proposed pipeline are in accordance with the CSA safety and design requirements;
- The proposed project is the appropriate alternative to provide the necessary level of additional capacity at the least cost per unit of additional capacity;
- The estimated costs of the expansion are reasonable in comparison to similar pipeline construction;
- The proposed route is acceptable from both environmental and socio-economic perspectives;
- Required permanent or temporary easements have either been acquired or are pending;
- Union is in the process of obtaining all permits required to construct, operate and maintain the proposed pipeline.

The Ontario Energy Board regulates the province's electricity and natural gas sectors in the public interest. It envisions a healthy and efficient energy sector with informed consumers, and works towards this vision through regulatory processes that are effective, fair and transparent.

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