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Her Worship Christine Robinson Mayor Municipality of West Grey mayor@westgrey.com

Dear Mayor Robinson:

I am writing to clarify information in my June 9, 2021 letter to you about successful and unsuccessful project proposals under Phase 2 of Ontario's Natural Gas Expansion Program (NGEP). I understand there may be some confusion about which project was successful.

As I noted, there was a great deal of interest in the NGEP, with 210 applications submitted to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB).

Enbridge Gas proposed three distinct projects to serve various parts of West Grey. The project names as submitted to the OEB were:

- Neustadt (which will primarily serve the community of Neustadt);
- Ayton and Neustadt (which was proposed to serve both Ayton and Neustadt); and
- Elmwood, Chepstow and Cargill (Brockton) (which was proposed to serve various parts of Brockton as well as the community of Elmwood and its vicinity within both West Grey and Brockton).

I am pleased that the Neustadt project was selected to receive funding, and regret that the other two projects were not selected. For more information about these three projects, you may wish to consult the OEB's summary report at www.oeb.ca/sites/default/files/OEB-Natural-Gas-Expansion-Report-to-Ministers-20201030.pdf.

For specific information about the Neustadt project, including proposed pipeline routes, construction timelines, and how its scope differs from Enbridge's proposed Ayton and Neustadt project, I would encourage you to contact Enbridge Gas directly.

I apologize for any confusion the similar project names may have created for your community.

Sincerely,

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The Honourable Bill Walker Associate Minister of Energy