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Subject: Union Gas Update – Provincial Climate Change Plan and the Impacts on Natural Gas

Dear Mayor/Reeve/Warden,

As you may have heard, on Monday morning there was an [article featured in the *Globe and Mail*](#) that covered the details of a draft copy of the Ontario government's proposed Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP), which is anticipated to be released in June. The CCAP details the actions that the Ontario government will take to achieve its emission reduction targets to 15 per cent below 1990 levels by 2020, 37 per cent by 2030 and 80 per cent by 2050.

Most concerning for us in this proposed plan was a commitment to eliminate the use of natural gas for home heating in newly built homes by 2030 and all others by 2050. This policy would force homeowners to move to more expensive forms of energy such as electricity which would cost an additional \$3,000 per year on average, not including up front capital costs.

Natural gas is a critical partner fuel in a lower-carbon future. We have worked very hard with the government to identify natural gas technologies (in particular Renewable Natural Gas, Compressed Natural Gas/Liquefied Natural Gas for trucks) to help reduce Ontario's carbon emissions, while growing Ontario's economy. We have also been working hard to expand our infrastructure to reach more rural and Aboriginal communities and this plan could now be in jeopardy due to the provincial governments draft plans.

Based on the *Globe and Mail* article we are very concerned with the prescriptive nature and potential impacts to your municipality.

We are looking for your help in letting Premier Wynne know the importance of continued access to natural gas for your residents and businesses. We are hopeful that you are able to send the attached letter to the Premier expressing your dissatisfaction with this flawed policy.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact your local Union Gas representative or myself at any time.

Sincerely,

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