

December 13, 2024

Attn: Ministry of Energy and Electrification

Subject: Support for the Continued Role of Natural Gas in Ontario's Energy Mix

On behalf of NPL Canada and our employees, I am writing to express our strong support for the continued use of natural gas as a key component of Ontario's energy mix and as an essential driver of economic stability and growth. We also support the government's position that the Ontario Energy Board must ensure a rational and strategic expansion of the natural gas system.

As a company with over 20 years of experience operating throughout Ontario and employing hundreds of dedicated workers, we have witnessed firsthand the vital role natural gas plays in powering businesses and strengthening our local economy.

Ontario needs an "all-of-the-above" approach to energy to ensure a resilient, affordable, and reliable system. The natural gas industry creates countless stable, well-paying jobs across diverse roles in Ontario. Companies like ours provide competitive wages, benefits essential for workers' health and security, and opportunities that support families and build solid futures.

Additionally, our employees contribute directly to local economies, keeping their earnings within their communities. This supports the local tax base, stimulates spin-off businesses, and enhances public services.

Maintaining a robust natural gas industry in Ontario reduces reliance on foreign energy, enhances national security, and creates stable, local opportunities that cannot be easily offshored.

We urge policymakers to recognize the ongoing need for natural gas as an integral part of Ontario's energy supply mix and a driver of sustainable economic growth across the province.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Neil Waugh
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