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Dear Ms. Miller:

Thank you for your letter of September 16, 1993, regarding the Georgian Bay pipeline which is proposed by TransCanada Pipelines Limited. I appreciate the concerns you have identified and I apologize for the delayed response.

It is stated in your letter that you "understand that this proposal is now being considered by the Provincial government". It should be noted that it is only the concept of TransCanada's involvement in the development of infrastructure, that is currently being considered by the Ontario government. TransCanada Pipelines Limited has not submitted the Georgian Bay water pipeline proposal for review and approval. To date, only discussions have occurred.

Your request for an individual environmental assessment which examines all phases of this project is certainly reasonable. TransCanada Pipelines has advised the government that it will prepare an individual environmental assessment, should the planning of the project commence.

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As requested, I will keep you informed of any future decisions that are made on TransCanada's proposed concept. I trust the above is satisfactory. Thank you for taking the time to inform me of your concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Bud Wildman

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