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VIA RESS and E-MAIL

Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. ("Enbridge" or the "Company")
2015-2020 DSM Plan - EB-2015-0049 – Cost Claims**

For the above noted proceeding, Enbridge has reviewed the cost claims received from the following:

- Association of Power Producers of Ontario (APPrO)
- Building Owners and Managers Association Toronto (BOMA)
- Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME)
- Consumers Council of Canada (CCC)
- Energy Probe
- Environmental Defence
- Federation of Rental Housing Providers of Ontario (FRPO)
- Green Energy Coalition (GEC)
- Industrial Gas Users Association (IGUA)
- Low Income Energy Network (LIEN)
- Ontario Sustainable Energy Association's ("OSEA")
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)

Although the Company has no overall objection to the Intervenor Cost Claims we have noted the following items in our review:

- APPrO's disbursements two parking receipts were not included in the cost claim package;
- CME's disbursements included non-itemized credit card receipts; one of which was unreadable;
- Environmental Defence charged a lower allowable rate for Mr. Kent Elson. With 6 years of experience Mr. Elson's rate could be as high as \$230;
- Environmental Defence's disbursements did not include the fuel charges on courier costs, and no receipt was provided on the translation of cross-examination exhibit;
- GEC's disbursements included an unreadable meal receipt and no breakdown on group meals indicating which meal is being claimed;
- LIEN's disbursement on courier charges shows an error on the HST charge of \$22.10 which the Company believes should be at \$10.20;

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- OSEA's cost claim for Ms. Marion Fraser is for 66 hours, whereby Ms. Fraser's dockets account for 64 hours (33 for Enbridge and 31 for Union Gas);
- OSEA's courier disbursements show ten courier packages in the dockets however only seven courier receipts were provided;
- OSEA's disbursement included three round trips between Ottawa and Toronto for Mr. Chris Young; two of the trips are documented in Mr. Young's dockets however the date of the third trip was not noted;
- VECC's cost claim for Mr. Michael Janigan included a half rate for monitoring the proceedings by streaming on August 20, 2015, however the hours totaled at the half rate were different from the Statement of Account;

The Company has reviewed the claims in comparison to the allowances of prescribed rates within the cost assessment guidelines and finds the remaining submissions to be within tolerances of the guidelines.

Enbridge does recognize that the hours put forward by the Intervenors vary greatly and Enbridge trusts the Board to look at the reasonableness of the cost claims.

The Company awaits the recommendations and or cost awards of the Board with respect to these cost claims.

Enbridge reserves the right to make submissions regarding any outstanding intervenor cost submissions which are subsequently received.

Yours truly,

(Original Signed)

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cc: APPRO, BOMA, CME, CCC, Energy Probe, Environmental Defence, FRPO, GEC, IGUA, LIEN, OSEA, SEC, Union Gas and VECC (via email only)