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## **VIA EMAIL AND COURIER**

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Ms. Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street, Suite 2700 Toronto, Ontario M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.

**Toronto Portlands Reinforcement - Expropriation Application** 

Ontario Energy Board File No. EB-2007-0692

Enclosed are ten paper copies of an Application and supporting evidence by Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. (the "Company") for an order for authority to expropriate land needed for easements for the construction of the natural gas pipeline that will serve Portlands Energy Centre ("PEC") electricity generating station (the "pipeline").

The Applicant seeks authority to expropriate certain lands owned by the City of Toronto Economic Development Corporation ("TEDCO") along the route approved for the pipeline in the Company's leave to construct application (EB-2006-0305). As detailed in this Application, the Company seeks an easement for the pipeline as well as working easements to allow the pipeline to be installed. Despite significant effort by the Company, it has been unsuccessful in concluding its negotiations to acquire these easements from TEDCO and is therefore proceeding with this Application.

As was made clear in the leave to construct application, PEC intends to be operable in an interim phase in the summer of 2008. In order to accomplish this, PEC will require gas for commissioning by February 2008. The Company requires access to those lands by no later than October 1, 2007 in order to meet the February 2008 date. In these circumstances, the Company respectfully requests that the Board consider this matter and issue a decision as soon as is possible.

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Yours Truly

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Interested Parties