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By Email and By Delivery

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

Re: Application by Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. to Establish DSM Deferral Accounts for the Years 2010-2014
Ontario Energy Board File No.: EB-2010-0029

Please find attached the following documents filed on behalf of Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. ("Enbridge"):

- 1. Application dated February 4, 2010;
- 2. Supporting Application materials entitled "Application to Establish DSM Deferral Accounts 2010-2014".

By this Application, Enbridge is seeking approval from the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") to establish DSM deferral accounts for each of the years 2010 through 2014 to record certain expenditures in relation to a five-year pilot technology evaluation project. This project will combine different types of solar collectors and storage technologies to verify and compare their costs, performance and technical qualities. This work will in turn inform the development of DSM programs in future which will be modelled on the results of the pilot.

Enbridge recently received a financial commitment from Natural Resources Canada ("NRCan") of up to \$3.975 million. To access this funding, NRCan requires Enbridge to execute a Contribution Agreement before March 31, 2010. The establishment of the deferral accounts requested by this Application will allow the Company to proceed. Enbridge, therefore, respectfully requests that the Board expedite its consideration of this Application, such that a decision is received before end of day March 19, 2010.

In an effort to expedite the processing of this Application, Enbridge has served a copy of the attached documents on each of the intervenors to the Enbridge 2010 Rate Adjustment Proceeding (EB-2009-0172) and the Enbridge Low Income Demand Side Management Proceeding (EB-2009-0154). Having effected service upon each of the ratepayer and

stakeholder groups that are likely to have an interest in this Application, Enbridge requests that the Board waive any requirement for further notice.

It will be noted from the attached materials that the selection of specific individual technologies and candidate sites will take place as part of the design and development phase of the project. It is, therefore, not possible at this time to provide additional precise details about the project. However, should intervenors express an interest in seeking further information about the project generally, Enbridge suggests that that the most efficient means of responding would be through an oral technical conference rather than through written interrogatories.

Enbridge acknowledges the short time frame available for the consideration of this Application and expresses its gratitude in advance for every effort made by the Board and intervenors to expedite the process.

Yours truly.

Norm Ryckman