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## **BY COURIER (2 COPIES) AND EMAIL**

Ms. Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319 2300 Yonge Street, Suite 2700 Toronto, Ontario M4P 1E4 Fax: (416) 440-7656 Email: boardsec@oeb.gov.on.ca

Dear Ms. Walli:

## Re: Pollution Probe – Written Submissions EB-2010-0029 – Enbridge Gas – 2010-14 DSM Deferral Accounts

Please find below Pollution Probe's written submissions for this matter. We apologize for any inconvenience caused by the slight lateness of these short submissions, and Pollution Probe requests any short corresponding extensions that may be required due to inadvertence in light of other significant motion materials, meetings, and other obligations.

In short, Pollution Probe supports Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.'s application for the establishment of DSM deferral accounts to support a five-year pilot project to evaluate solar thermal technology to reduce the need for natural gas for space heating.

As the Board is aware, the Government of Ontario is committed to reducing the province's greenhouse gas emissions relative to 1990 levels by 15% by 2020 and by 80% by 2050. However, in order to achieve this target, a very significant reduction in the use of natural gas for space heating in the residential, institutional and commercial sectors will be required.

Pollution Probe notes that there are a number of options that can be used to achieve this goal, such as:

- a) improving the thermal envelopes of existing and new homes and buildings;
- b) solar thermal and geothermal technologies;
- c) combined heat and power; and
- d) district energy systems.

Pollution Probe submits that Enbridge, subject to the Board's oversight, should be actively evaluating and implementing all of these options (including the solar thermal technologies that are the subject of this application) to increase Ontario's energy productivity and help meet the Government of Ontario's greenhouse gas emission targets as cost-effectively as possible. Pollution Probe thus submits that the Board should approve Enbridge's request for the DSM deferral accounts in this application

We trust these submissions are of assistance to the Board, and please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned or Basil Alexander if you wish to discuss this matter further.

Yours truly,

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Per: Murray Klippenstein

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cc: Applicant and Intervenors per email list of Board