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

Dear Ms Walli:

**Re: EB-2006-0034: Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. F2007 Rate Case**

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We are counsel to Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. ("Enbridge" or the "Company").

Some of the issues in Enbridge's rate case have been, and continue to be, the subject of consultative processes between the Company and interested stakeholders. These consultative processes began before the Company filed its Application and have continued over the past several months, even as the rest of the rate case has proceeded.

Some of the Company's pre-filed evidence for use in this proceeding describes and builds upon the consultative processes. Given that the consultatives are still underway, some of this evidence has been filed very recently, and was not available at the time that parties filed interrogatories. An example is the Company's pre-filed evidence about the bill access issue (Tab D1, Schedule 11, Tabs 6 to 28) which was filed at the end of last week.

Parties have indicated that they have questions to ask about the Company's new pre-filed evidence about the bill access issue. In an effort to proceed as expeditiously as possible, recognizing that the oral hearing is scheduled to begin on January 22, 2007, the Company and interested parties would like to have outstanding questions addressed through a transcribed technical conference, rather than through further written interrogatories. Parties have indicated that they are available for the morning of Wednesday January 10<sup>th</sup> for this purpose.

We write therefore to request that the Board allow and order a half-day transcribed technical conference on January 10, 2007 to address the Company's pre-filed evidence about the bill access issue. In order for this to proceed smoothly, the Company asks that interested parties provide a written list of the questions that they intend to ask by January 5, 2007.

Thank you for your assistance.

Please contact me should you have any questions.

Yours very truly,

AIRD & BERLIS LLP

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Stevens", is written over the printed name.

David Stevens

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cc. Patrick Hoey  
All parties in EB-2006-0034