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Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor 2300 Yonge Street Toronto, Ontario M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. – System Reliability Settlement

Agreement EB-2010-0231

We are writing on behalf of Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. (Enbridge) pursuant to Procedural Order No. 1 issued by the Board in EB-2010-0231. Procedural Order No. 1 provides for Enbridge to file its Reply submissions in respect of the request for approval of the System Reliability Settlement Agreement by August 20, 2010.

As the Board is aware, the system reliability issue raised by Enbridge was considered during a consultation process that was inclusive, thorough and comprehensive (Ex. B-1-1, p. 4). There was broad participation in the consultation process by parties representing a diverse range of interests. The consideration of system reliability during the consultative process led to a thoughtful and detailed Settlement Agreement that is before the Board for approval.

No objections to, or concerns about, the Settlement Agreement have been brought forward as a result of the process provided for in Procedural Order No. 1. On the contrary, the only submission made by any other party is one from Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters that urges the Board to approve the Agreement.

Enbridge proposes that the rate handbook changes contemplated by the Settlement Agreement be implemented as part of its October 1, 2010 QRAM filing. Enbridge respectfully requests that the Board approve the System Reliability Settlement Agreement at the earliest possible opportunity so that the Long Term

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Resolution set out in the Agreement can be implemented for the winter of 2010/2011.

Yours truly,

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