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VIA E-MAIL & COURIER

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

Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: Ontario Energy Board File No. EB-2011-0004 Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. ("Enbridge") – Expression of Interest Developing Guidance for the Implementation of Smart Grid in Ontario

By e-mail and web posting on January 13, 2011 the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") invited parties to express their interest in participating in a Smart Grid Working Group.

Enbridge is a natural gas distribution company and as such is interested in the smart grid initiative. Mr. Sagar Kancharla, Director, Strategy, Research and Planning was recently a member of a team involved with drafting a white paper entitled "Natural Gas in a Smart Energy Future". This paper was jointly authored by Gas Technology Institute and Navigant and was made possible through the support of American Gas Foundation, APGA Research Foundation, Canadian Gas Association, INGAA Foundation, Natural Gas Supply Association, and their members.

The white paper is the result of industry-wide support for the development of a compelling vision of a smart energy infrastructure integrating natural gas with electricity from multiple sources, including renewable, resulting in what is described as a "smart energy future". Natural gas' importance to electric smart grid implementation is critical and should be viewed as part of a broader smart energy future.

Enbridge requests that copies of all documents and correspondence relating to this matter be provided to the following:

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Enbridge will not be seeking cost awards in this proceeding.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

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