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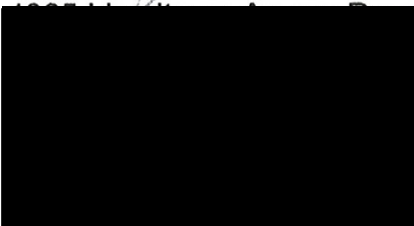
Letter of Comment

Attached are the 7 copies as required, of my letter of comment being my written submission pertaining to EB2011-0024, to be filed with your proceedings.

Trusting this is satisfactory.

Sincerely,

*[Signature]*  
Marie Filipe



As a resident of Lloydtown-Aurora Road, in Pottageville and for the reasons stated below, I support a hearing in favour of a re-routing of the planned pipeline proposed by Enbridge on our road in front of our homes in the road allowance. Despite negative socio-economic impacts and safety risks, Enbridge chose our road as the preferred route for the construction of a high pressure 16inch 650psi gas pipeline. This pipe will connect the Gate Station at 4955 Lloydtown-Aurora Road and the power plant at 18781 Dufferin Street. If this pipeline project is to proceed, it is imperative that a re-routing, away from our homes, be ordered.

RISKS TO RESIDENTS: This pipeline poses serious risks to the Pottageville residents, particularly Lloydtown-Aurora Road residents, including my family and I. Of the 17.5km total route of the pipeline, the section of Lloydtown-Aurora Road between the Gate Station and Weston road alone is densely populated with homes on both sides of the road, a public school, a group home and two gas stations. Additionally, there are many more homes on the adjacent streets branching off. Many of these homes are less than 30m from the proposed pipeline. Safety Hazards reports presented in January 2010 (*Natural Gas Pipeline Rupture/Fire, Dr. Charles Rhodes, P.Eng., Ph.D.*) outlined the great risks the pipeline presents to residents with a 100% casualties rate should an explosion occur. It was noted that in the event of an explosion, fire, emergency personnel would not be able to approach the site.

ROUTE SELECTION: In their proposed route selection, Enbridge screened 10 alternate routes, and then narrowed it down to Route4 and Route5. As per Enbridge's pipeline project website, in their route selection summary: "*Based on the criteria laid out in section 5.2.2 Route4 has the least socio-economic impact on the surrounding area. Route4 will traverse the least number of driveways. In addition, Route4 parallels the least amount of potentially contaminated area and has the least amount of groundwater wells within 200, of the proposed pipeline route*". Despite these facts, however, Lloydtown-Aurora Road (Route5) was chosen as the preferred route, because, as per the same section on the Enbridge website, "*Route 5 has the least amount of specimen trees along its route and crosses the least amount of known municipal/agricultural drains*". It is obvious that in this matter, costs and environment concerns have been chosen over socio-economic factors. Human lives and public safety have been pushed aside.

PROPERTY DEVALUATION: As homeowners, we fear a devaluation of our properties due to the safety risks involved in having this pipeline on our doorsteps.

PUBLIC INTEREST: For the reasons stated in this letter, it is not in the public interest to have this pipeline routed through Lloydtown-Aurora Road and ask that it be re-routed to preserve our safety.

OUR RIGHTS TO SAFETY: Many factors could compromise the integrity of this pipe, putting our lives at risks. Lloydtown-Aurora Road is a heavily populated and traveled road. Commuters use it. School buses use it. Farm equipments use it. Additionally, road maintenance, snow ploughing, hydro repairs, weather conditions, pipe shifting, water table, etc. can affect the pipeline and lead to disaster. Accidents, as we know, happen, e.g. the San Bruno disaster, the Milton explosion and others. If loss of lives, injuries and damages occur where only a small pipe delivering gas to the homes is involved then it is obvious that the proposed pipeline on Lloydtown-Aurora Road, being a high pressure 16in pipe, 650psi, poses much higher risks to residents. Therefore, such a pipe has no business being installed in front of people's homes.

I, and family, do not want this pipeline in front of our home. This situation is creating a lot of anguish for us. We all fear for our lives, the lives of our families. The whole Pottageville community is concerned about the risks this pipeline poses. This pipeline is a menace that will never go away if not re-routed. This has to stop. We all have a right to safety and I urgently demand that this pipeline be re-routed.

Marie Filipe