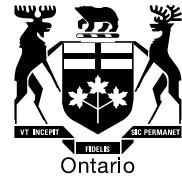


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**BY E-MAIL**

September 13, 2011

Edith Chin  
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Dear Ms. Chin:

**Re: Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.  
Request for Exemption from Leave to Construct – Regional Municipality of  
York Pipeline Replacement Project  
Board File Number: EB-2011-0270**

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. (the "Applicant" or "Enbridge") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board"), dated August 26, 2011, under section 95 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the "Act"), requesting an exemption from the requirements of Section 90 of the Act for an Order granting Leave to Construct 1,200 meters of NPS 12 natural gas pipeline along Ninth Line in the Regional Municipality of York (the "Application"). Enbridge also requested, under sub-section 21(4) of the Act, that the Board grant the requested exemption without the need for a hearing.

In its application, Enbridge indicated that the Regional Municipality of York (the "Municipality") is upgrading the Ninth Line from two lanes to four lanes. The Municipality is proposing to begin construction on the upgrades in May 2012 and has requested that all utilities complete relocation of their infrastructure prior to the Municipality beginning its construction.

The replacement project (the "Project") consists of:

- a) The installation and tie-in of approximately 1,200 meters of NPS 12 extra high pressure ("XHP") pipeline along the west side of Ninth Line; and
- b) The abandonment of approximately 1,200 meters of existing NPS 4 XHP pipeline along the west side of Ninth Line; and
- c) The abandonment of approximately 1,200 meters of existing NPS 8 XHP pipeline along the east side of Ninth Line.

Before considering the exemption request the Board is concerned that the application may not have been served on the Parties listed in Exhibit A, Tab 2, Schedule 2 of the application.

The Board directs Enbridge to serve the application, along with this letter, on all Parties listed in Exhibit A, Tab 2, Schedule 2 of the application. As part of the correspondence associated with this service, Enbridge shall notify recipients explicitly of its request that the application proceed without a hearing and that the Board will consider any comments filed by these Parties with respect to its request up to and including September 23, 2011.

Once the period for comments has elapsed, the Board will determine whether a hearing will be required for this proceeding.

The Board also notes that no information regarding Enbridge's plan for pipeline abandonment has been filed with the application. The Board requests that Enbridge describe the pipeline abandonment protocols that will be utilized in abandoning the two pipelines along the Ninth Line in the Municipality.

Yours truly,

*Original signed by*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary