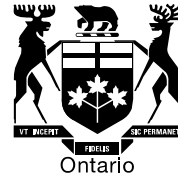


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Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Board Staff Submission
Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.
Request for Extension of EB-2008-0275 Affiliate Relationships Code
("ARC") Exemption
Board File Number: EB-2011-0290**

Please find attached the Board staff submission with respect to the above noted proceeding.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

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Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.

Request for Extension of Affiliate Relationship Code Exemption

Board File No.: EB-2011-0290

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Background

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. (“Enbridge” or the “Applicant”) filed an application (the “Application”) on June 30, 2011 with the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) seeking an extension to its exemption from Section 2.2.2 of the Affiliate Relationship Code (“ARC”) to continue to allow Enbridge to share certain information systems with Gazifere Inc. (“Gazifere”) until June 30, 2012.

In its December 22, 2008 Decision in the EB-2008-0275 proceeding, the Board granted Enbridge an exemption from Section 2.2.2 of the ARC to allow Enbridge to share certain information systems with Gazifere until July 31, 2011. However, due to a delay in implementing two system modifications that Enbridge must undertake to segregate Gazifere data from Enbridge data, Enbridge requires a continuation of the exemption from Section 2.2.2 of the ARC until June 30, 2012.

On August 11, 2011, Enbridge filed a letter requesting an Interim Order from the Board granting Enbridge an extension on the exemption from Section 2.2.2 of the ARC until the conclusion of this proceeding. The Board granted the requested interim relief until such time as the Board issues a final decision and order in the current proceeding.

Enbridge’s Argument-in-Chief was filed on September 23, 2011. The Argument-in-Chief reiterated Enbridge’s rationale for requesting the noted exemption extension.

Board Staff Submission

Board staff does not oppose the relief sought by Enbridge in this proceeding. Board staff submits that the exemption be granted on the condition that Gazifere does not provide any competitive services in Ontario. Board staff notes that this is the same condition that the Board required in its EB-2008-0275 Decision and Order.

All of which is respectfully submitted.