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BY COURIER AND RESS

Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street
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Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.
Multi-Year DSM Plan Filing
Board File: EB-2011-0295
Request for a Further Extension to file DSM Plan**

We are writing as counsel to Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. ("Enbridge") in respect of the above-noted matter.

The Board in its letter dated June 30, 2011 directed Enbridge to file its multi-year DSM Plan for the years 2012 through 2014, by September 15, 2011. By letter dated September 12, 2011, Enbridge requested an extension to October 7, 2011. One of the reasons for the extension request was the productive ongoing settlement negotiations with intervenors.

By letter dated September 15, 2011, the Board approved Enbridge's request and granted an extension to October 7, 2011 for the filing of its DSM Plan.

We are hereby writing to request a further brief extension in light of the success that has been achieved. Enbridge and intervenors have reached a near complete settlement agreement in respect of Enbridge's DSM Plan.

Enbridge now proposes to file its DSM Plan on Friday, October 21, 2011. The intervenors that have participated in the settlement negotiations (identified below) support this new filing date and the filing extension request. Enbridge also expects to file on this date a Settlement Proposal which will involve a near complete settlement. Based upon recently completed negotiations, it is believed that a complete settlement will be achieved in respect of all but two issues, for which a partial settlement has been reached.

The additional time will allow Enbridge to draft the Settlement Proposal, as well as the agreement reached this week with intervenors and Union Gas on the Terms of Reference for Stakeholder Engagement. The draft Settlement Proposal and the Terms of Reference document will then have to be circulated to intervenors for review and their ultimate acceptance.

While Enbridge is cognizant that this further extension will reduce the time available to the Board to deal with the multi-year DSM Plan filing, it should be noted that if the Settlement Proposal is accepted by the Board, it will significantly reduce the need for interrogatory and documentary exchanges and the length of any hearing.

This being said, should the loss of time make it difficult for the Board to develop a procedural timetable that provides sufficient time to hear the application and render a decision before year's end, Enbridge proposes that it will continue with its current DSM program into 2012 until the application is heard and the Board issues its decision.

We trust that this request meets with your approval.

Yours truly,

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