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Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
P.O. Box 2319
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

**RE: Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.
Application for Licences to Drill Four Wells within the Kimball-Colinville
Designated Natural Gas Storage Area
OEB File No.: EB-2012-0060**

Dear Ms. Walli:

I am writing to request that the Ministry of Natural Resources ("Ministry") be granted Intervenor status in the above-noted matter.

The Ministry has forwarded the applications to the board regarding licences to drill four wells in the Kimball-Colinville designated storage area:

TKC #63, Moore 6-18-VIII
TKC #64, Moore 1-20-VI
TKC #65, Moore 1-14-IV
TKC #66, Moore 1-16-VIII

The Ministry regulates storage wells and the activities associated with the well licences under the *Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act* ("OGSRA"), Ontario Regulation 245/97 made under the OGSRA, and the OGSRA Operating Standards. The Ministry therefore has a regulatory interest in storage operations, specifically storage wells and storage pool operating pressures. In particular, the Ministry has an interest in the integrity of the storage operations and other subsurface resource activities. As an Intervenor, the Ministry can assist the Board in ensuring ongoing safety and compatibility of these subsurface activities.

The Ministry requests one copy of the evidence and submissions of the Applicant and other participants, and any notices or correspondence, and any revisions or amendments to same. Our preference is to receive all documents in searchable electronic format.

Although the Ministry has no specific comments, concerns or interrogatories at this time, we reserve the right to offer same and take on any Intervenor functions during the course of the proceeding as we see fit.

Communications relating to this intervention may be directed to the undersigned.

The Ministry will not be seeking an award of costs and has no preference as to whether the hearing should be oral or in writing.

Yours truly,

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