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From: Barbra Perreault [mailto:bperreault@nvca.on.ca]  
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Dear Ms. Kirsten Walli;

On February 28, 2008, the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) received a package from Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. (Enbridge) - EB-2007-0782 Georgian Bay Reinforcement Project. It appears that Enbridge has filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") for orders granting leaves to construct approximately twenty kilometers of pipeline in the City of Barrie to meet the required land growth in the Georgian Bay area.

The NVCA wishes to participate in this proceeding by way of this e-mail correspondence.

As detailed in our level II Fish Habitat Agreement with Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO), the NVCA is responsible for evaluating proposed works as to their impact on fish habitat in the NVCA area of jurisdiction.

Based on my understanding of the proposed works, I have concluded that this proposal may result in the harmful alteration, disruption or destruction of fish habitat. The harmful alteration, disruption or destruction of fish habitat is prohibited unless authorized by DFO pursuant to Section 35(2) of the Fisheries Act. In keeping with DFO's "Policy for the Management of Fish Habitat", no authorizations are issued unless acceptable measures for habitat loss are developed and implemented by the proponent. At a very minimum the proposed works will need to comply with the DFO version 3.0 Ontario Operational Statement for High-Pressure Directional Drilling. A contingency plan will also be required for open trench installation in case of a "frac-out".

Permit approval from this Authority is required for any/all watercourse crossings in accordance with Ontario Regulation 172/06 and the Conservation Authorities Act. A completed application must include a detailed set of plans showing the methodology for each watercourse crossing and that appropriate erosion and sediment control measures will be employed prior to and during the installation in order to prevent sediments from entering the watercourse.

Once applications have been submitted for the proposed crossings, the NVCA will determine if the file will be sent to DFO for review.

Thank-you,

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