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BY E-MAIL

March 26, 2013

Shari Lynn Spratt
Supervisor Regulatory Proceedings
Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.
500 Consumers Road
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Dear Ms. Spratt:

**Re: Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.
Leave to Construct - Ottawa Reinforcement Project
Board File No. EB-2012-0099**

The Board has received your letter of March 25, 2013, updating your continued work with the City of Ottawa (the "City") to identify workable options for construction.

Specifically, Enbridge updated the Board on the following:

Enbridge has conducted a more detailed assessment of the geotechnical data in the area to enable more accurate estimates of the proposed construction from the contractor. As a result of Enbridge's further discussions with the City, it appears that the maximum cover required is 1.75 to 2 metres to avoid conflict with the City's work. The revised construction cost estimates from the contractor for this additional depth along the 6 kilometres of the Proposed Pipeline is forecasted to be an incremental amount of \$250,000.

In its Decision and Order (EB-2012-0099), the Board determined that it would provide Enbridge with the flexibility to proceed with the option which Enbridge would be able to demonstrate to be the least cost option under the circumstances. Based on the updated information, it is our understanding that Enbridge intends to proceed with the increased depth of cover of 1.75 to 2 metres for the full 6 kilometres, that this is the least cost option and that you will to work with the City to fine-tune the construction plans.

In the event that further information leads to a different conclusion, please promptly advise the Board. Thank you for keeping the Board's Designated Representative informed in accordance with Condition 1.4 of the Board's order in this case.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

Neil McKay
Manager, Natural Gas Applications