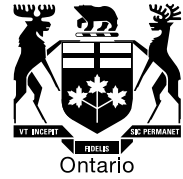


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Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.  
2014-2018 Customized IR Application  
Board File No. EB-2012-0459  
Request for Confidential Treatment of Response to Enbridge IRR No. 12a**

One of the interrogatories provided to Board staff by Enbridge in this proceeding (Enbridge No. 12a. "Exhibit I.A1.STAFF.EGDI.12 part a.") requests the provision of "all expert reports, data, work papers, analysis and research" supporting PEG's recommended I factor and X factor in Alberta.

The data and work papers requested by Enbridge contain data and analysis that is either proprietary, copyright protected, or governed by non-disclosure agreements. The materials covered by non-disclosure agreements permit disclosure to regulatory bodies under the appropriate confidentiality protocol. All of the information requested is commercially sensitive and the public release of the information would prejudice significantly PEG's position. Accordingly, pursuant to Rule 10 of the Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure, and pursuant to Part 5 of the Board's Practice Direction on Confidential Filings, Board staff is filing the information confidentially and requests that the Board treat the data and work papers as confidential.

In particular, Board staff requests confidential treatment of eight (8) computer files, which are listed below:

- pegtfwp.txt
- kdata(confidential).xlsx
- company map.xlsx
- tfpdata(confidential).xls
- bmcswp(confidential).xls
- econometricwp.txt
- CCA Report Tables.xlsx
- jgca902m.xlsx

The 8 files are the working papers of Pacific Economics Group Research from Alberta Utilities Commission proceeding 566. They include the datasets for the gas TFP and econometric research, the code used to generate the results for the TFP and econometric research, and supporting materials. The supporting materials include a live version of the tables from PEG Research's direct testimony in Alberta, files containing additional data used in the TFP research, and a company map.

Board staff understands that the Board has previously allowed confidential treatment of supporting files related to econometric expert reports, including those of Pacific Economics Group, in the EB-2010-0379 proceeding.

Attached to this letter is a CD marked "PEGR Confidential" containing the eight (8) files for which confidential treatment is requested.

Under cover of a separate letter of today's date, Board staff is filing the public version of the response to Enbridge 12a., which includes a notation that the confidential materials may be accessed on CD by parties who have signed the Board's form of Declaration and Undertaking.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

*Original signed by*

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/ attach.

cc: All Parties EB-2012-0459