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December 10, 2014

Ms. Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor Toronto, Ontario M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

## Re: EB-2014-0348 (QRAM Application)

Today, we are filing one electronic copy of the Application of Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. ("Enbridge") in Word and PDF formats, and two paper copies of the Application with the supporting evidence (binder format) by courier, requesting an order approving or fixing interim rates for the sale, distribution, storage, and transmission of gas effective January 1, 2015. The explanation for why Enbridge is requesting interim rates is set out within the 2015 Rate Adjustment application (EB-2014-0276).

The Board approved the original Quarterly Rate Adjustment Mechanism ("QRAM") process, and subsequent modifications in the following proceedings, RP-2000-0040, RP-2002-0133 and RP-2003-0203. On September 21, 2009, the Board issued its Decision in the QRAM Generic Proceeding under docket number EB-2008-0106. This Application and the supporting evidence were both prepared in accordance with the process for Enbridge's QRAM and the EB-2008-0106 Decision. A description of the QRAM process is attached to this Application as Appendix A.

In addition to the January 1, 2015 QRAM rate change, the Company will be implementing the Rider E (Revenue Adjustment Rider associated with 2014 Final rates) as approved in the EB-2012-0459 Rate Order dated November 27, 2014. As well, as part of its 2015 Rate Adjustment application (EB-2014-0276), the Company has requested approval for the implementation of the 2015 Rider D unit rates (associated with the refund of Site Restoration Cost reserve) effective



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January 1, 2015. Both Rider E and Rider D schedules are included in the rate schedules at Exhibit H2, Tab 6, Schedule 1.

The Company would like to inform the Board and Interested Parties that it changed the annual residential volume profile it uses in customer rate notices to 2,400 m<sup>3</sup>. This level of annual volume reflects the average use for typical residential customers. This profile will be used in the Rate 1 residential customer rate notices. All bill impacts for residential customers referenced in this Application and in the evidence are based on 2,400 m<sup>3</sup> annually.

Enbridge is concurrently serving an electronic copy of the Application with supporting evidence in PDF format, or a hard copy (binder format) by courier, if requested, on the interested parties listed in Appendix B to this Application.

The following is the proposed procedural schedule for processing the Application, according to the prescribed regulatory framework for the QRAM process:

- Any responsive comments from interested parties must be filed with the Board, and served on Enbridge and the other interested parties, on or before December 15, 2014.
- Any reply comments from Enbridge must be filed with the Board, and served on all interested parties, on or before December 17, 2014.
- The Board would thereafter issue an order approving the applied-for rate adjustments, or modifying them as required, effective January 1, 2015.

Enbridge requests the Board to issue such an order on or before December 22, 2014. Enbridge would then be able to implement the resultant rates during Enbridge's first billing cycle in January 2015.

The prescribed procedures for processing cost claims are as follows:

- Due to the mechanistic nature of the QRAM application, the Board does not anticipate awarding costs. Parties that meet the eligibility criteria contained in the Board's Practice Direction on Cost Awards may submit costs with supporting rationale as to how their participation contributed to the Board's ability to decide on this matter.
- Any party eligible for an award of costs must file a claim with the Board and Enbridge no later than ten days from the date of the Board's decision and order. Should Enbridge have any comments concerning any of the claims, these concerns shall be forwarded to the Board and to the

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claimant within seven days of receiving the claims. Any response to Enbridge's comments must be filed with the Board and Enbridge within seven days of receiving the comments.

Yours truly,

(Original Signed)

Andrew Mandyam Director, Regulatory Affairs Encl.

cc: Mr. Fred Cass, Aird & Berlis LLP All Interested Parties EB-2012-0459