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BY EMAIL

February 23, 2015

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

Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. 2015 Rate Adjustment Application Board File No. EB-2014-0276 Need for Technical Conference

Dear Ms. Walli:

Board staff wishes to respond to the OEB's invitation in Procedural Order No. 2 to submit a letter advising if it believes the Technical Conference is needed.

Staff has reviewed the interrogatory responses filed by Enbridge on February 19, 2015. From staff's perspective, we do not see that a Technical Conference is necessary with the record as it now stands. Board staff suggests that it could be cancelled.

However, staff would offer an option to the Technical Conference if the Board believes there is need for additional evidence. If parties identify topic areas they feel need further questioning, they could pose such questions in writing. The existing case timing will accommodate this. Board staff notes that Procedural Order No. 1 has a date of March 3, 2015 for undertakings from the Technical Conference. The Board could retain this date and instead designate it for the filing of written responses to supplementary questions. This would achieve the purpose of the Technical Conference, but without the face-to-face Technical Conference meeting. Staff suggests that the Board could set a deadline for filing such supplemental interrogatories of February 25, 2015.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

Colin Schuch Case Manager

cc: All Parties EB-2014-0276