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Re: Enbridge Gas Distribution's Savings by Design DSM Program 2016 - 2020.

Dear Ms. Walli,

This letter was prepared to express the full support of Internat Energy Solutions Canada (IESC) for the continuation of Enbridge's Savings by Design program and to build on the success it has already achieved within the industry. Our role, as one of the energy modelling teams that supports the program, has given us the opportunity to directly witness the program's ability to bring about clear improvements in energy and environmental performance for new building construction projects. The many integrated design workshops that we have participated in, have consistently provided the necessary informal environment for collaboration between industry subject experts and the building designers and developers.

As a team of Professional Engineers, Certified Energy Managers, LEED and HQE certified practitioners, and Environmental Professionals, IESC is supportive of the integrated design process as the optimal way to achieve a building design that can achieve high results in various building rating systems (Such as LEED and Energy Star). The Savings by Design program has proven to IESC the power of the integrated design activity to ensuring all aspects of the building design are looked at collectively with current industry knowledge.

Our experience within the building industry in Ontario has shown to us the knowledge and acceptance of the integrated design process is growing but is still far from being the standard design practice. It has been clear however, once a building designer and developer are given the opportunity to experience the integrated design process for themselves through the Savings By Design program, the value is understood immediately.

The integrated design process is now something IESC recommends continuously to our clients for new construction projects and even for major renovations of existing buildings. The need to have the Enbridge Savings By Design Program continue in preparing the industry for the future building code developments is necessary. In keeping the momentum from the Enbridge Savings By Design program into 2020, it is our opinion that the integrated design process can be the key enabling tool to transform the building stock in Ontario to one that is highly energy efficient.

Sincerely,



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