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July 8, 2015

BY EMAIL & COURIER

Ms Kirsten Walli **Board Secretary** Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge St, Suite 2701 Toronto ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms Walli:

Board File No. EB-2015-0122 – Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. **Deferral and Variance Account Disposition** Energy Probe – Interrogatories to Applicant

Pursuant to Procedural Order No. 1, issued June 26, 2015, attached please find the Interrogatories of Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe) to Enbridge Gas Distribution in the EB-2015-0122 proceeding.

Should you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

David S. MacIntosh

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Case Manager

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Interested Parties (By email)

# **Ontario Energy Board**

IN THE MATTER OF the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15 (Schedule B), as amended;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. for an Order or Orders approving the clearance or disposition of amounts recorded in certain deferral or variance accounts.

# INTERROGATORIES OF ENERGY PROBE RESEARCH FOUNDATION ("ENERGY PROBE")

July 8, 2015

# ENBRIDGE GAS DISTRIBUTION INC. 2014 DEFERRAL AND VARIANCE ACOUNTS & EARNINGS SHARING EB-2015-0122

# ENERGY PROBE RESEARCH FOUNDATION INTERROGATORIES

# **Interrogatory #1**

Ref: Exhibit A, Tab 2, Schedule 1, Appendix A

Please confirm that EGDI has used an interest rate of 1.10% for the second and third quarters of 2015.

## Interrogatory #2

Ref: Exhibit B, Tab 1, Schedule 1

Did EGDI make any changes to its accounting practices that affect 2014 results? If yes, please explain these changes and indicate why they are not considered material.

### **Interrogatory #3**

Ref: Exhibit B, Tab 1, Schedule 1

The evidence indicates that the earnings sharing amount has increased from \$12.0 million in the year end audited statements to \$12.65 million, of which \$0.6 million is due to the treatment of the April 2014 debt issuance of \$300 million. What is the remainder the change (\$0.05 million) related to?

#### **Interrogatory #4**

Ref: Exhibit B, Tab 1, Schedule 2

Please explain why the amount on line 26 is not 18.62, which is the product of the 0.396% (line 25) and \$4,701.3 (line 22) and equivalent to the figure shown on line 42.

# Interrogatory #5

Ref: Exhibit B, Tab 1, Schedule 4

- a) Are all of the adjustments between audited consolidated income and utility income consistent with adjustments made in EGDI's previous earnings sharing calculations in 2008 through 2012?
- b) If there are any differences please fully explain the difference and the reason for the difference.

## **Interrogatory #6**

Ref: Exhibit B, Tab 1, Schedule 3 & Exhibit B, Tab 2, Schedule 1

In the second reference, it is shown that net property, plant and equipment was \$152.8 million higher than forecast in 2014, partly due to lower accumulated depreciation and higher cost or redetermined value. At page 2 of the first reference it is stated that the higher balances were primarily due to higher 2012 and 2013 actual results which were not reflected in the 2014 forecast.

If the higher balances were largely due to higher 2012 and 2013 actual results, please explain why the accumulated depreciation is lower than forecast.

#### Interrogatory #7

Ref: Exhibit B, Tab 2, Schedule 3

What were the main factors contributing to the 33% reduction in the 2014 working cash allowance as compared to forecast?

# Interrogatory #8

Ref: Exhibit B, Tab 4, Schedule 2

- a) Please provide an estimate of the total reduction in customer care/CIS service charges (line 18) due to each of the items noted in the explanation.
- b) What percentage of customers are on e-billing?

c) Please explain the significant reduction in corporate allocations (line 20) as compared to budget.

# **Interrogatory #9**

Ref: Exhibit C, Tab 1, Schedule 1

- a) Please explain why EGDI is not requesting clearance of the 2014 MGPDA account at this time, but rather transferring the balance to the 2015 account.
- b) What is the projected balance in the CDNSADA at the end of 2018?

# Interrogatory #10

Ref: Exhibit C, Tab 1, Schedule 4

- a) Please explain how the value of \$11.9 million was calculated based on the volumetric variance. Please show all calculations and provide all assumptions used. Is the value calculated using quarterly prices and volumes?
- b) Please provide a graph, similar to Table 2, that shows the UAF as a proportion of total throughput.