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Dear Ms. Walli:

# Re: EB-2015-0114 – Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. (EGD) 2016 Rate Adjustment Application.

Industrial Gas Users Association (IGUA) Request for Intervention.

We write as legal counsel to IGUA to request that IGUA be granted intervenor status in the captioned proceeding.

## **Description of IGUA**

IGUA is an association of industrial companies located in the Canadian provinces of Ontario and Québec, who use natural gas in their industrial operations. IGUA was first organized in 1973 and it provides a coordinated and effective public policy and regulatory voice for those industrial firms depending on natural gas as a fuel or feedstock. IGUA has become the recognized voice representing the industrial user of natural gas before regulatory boards and governments at both the provincial and national levels.

The Association's activities are guided by a 15 member Board of Directors, constituted to assure that each industrial sector and geographic region is represented. The Board of Directors has regularly scheduled meetings at least six times each year. A full time President and other staff are based in a permanent office in Ottawa.

Through regulatory intervention, government advocacy, marketing, promotion, partnerships, education and outreach, IGUA successfully represents industrial gas users. Our mission is to be the voice of our members within the natural gas industry through intervention, advocacy, and partnerships.



## Nature and Scope of IGUA's Intended Participation

IGUA was an active participant in the applications which determined EGD's 2013 cost of service and 2014-2018 rate plan. IGUA was also an active participant in EGD's recent consultation in support of its new Dawn Access delivery service.

IGUA intends to review this application in general, but anticipates focussing its review primarily on the following topics addressed in the evidence: i) 2016 contract customer volume forecast; ii) implementation of the new Dawn delivery service; and iii) the impact on delivery rates of the delay in the completion of TCPL's King's North and associated initiation of Rate 332. IGUA may identify other topics of interest as this matter proceeds through discovery.

## Written or Oral Hearing

IGUA will have a better view of whether a written hearing would be appropriate in this application, or whether an oral hearing would be advisable, following review of the balance of the pre-filed materials and conclusion of the anticipated interrogatory process. IGUA respectfully suggests that the Board contemplate a schedule which includes provision for a brief oral hearing, if ultimately deemed appropriate.

#### Intention to Seek an Award of Costs

IGUA also hereby requests that it be determined eligible for recovery of its reasonably incurred costs of its intervention herein.

As a party primarily representing the direct interests of industrial consumers (i.e. ratepayers) in relation to regulated services, IGUA has in the past been determined to be eligible for cost awards pursuant to section 3.03(a) of the Board's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

## **Request for Written Evidence and Contact Information**

IGUA requests that copies of written evidence and all circulated correspondence related to this matter be directed to it as follows:

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We have an electronic copy of the prefiled materials and do not require a hard copy.

Yours truly,

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