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VIA COURIER

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Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street, Suite 2700
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

**Re: Ontario Energy Board File No. EB-2015-0233
Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. Application for Exemption
From the Affiliate Relationships Code for Gas Utilities**

In support of the Application by Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. ("Enbridge") for an exemption from Section 2.2.2 of the *Affiliate Relationships Code for Gas Utilities* ("ARC"), Enbridge's Application materials included reports by Gartner Consulting, titled "IT Cost Optimization Support", filed as Appendix 5.1, and Accenture, titled "ISS Market Relative Assessment", filed as Appendix 5.3 (together "Reports"). These Reports contain commercially sensitive information, which includes the internal cost of Enbridge Inc. providing certain IT services to its affiliates. The Reports also contain information about the costs that a third party might charge to provide certain IT services.

Enbridge requests that the Ontario Energy Board ("OEB") receive and treat these Reports in confidence, as the cost information contained in the Reports is commercially sensitive. Third party IT vendors would be provided with information that could undermine future RFP processes undertaken not only by Enbridge but by other utilities. Enbridge submits that by making the Reports public, it could damage the competitive marketplace for IT services, resulting in utilities being compelled to pay higher costs for IT services.

Enbridge therefore requests that the Board treat the Reports in confidence, in their entirety, pursuant to Rule 10 of the OEB's Rules of Practice and Procedure and the Confidentiality Filing Guidelines. Attached to this letter is a copy of each of the Reports which have been printed on coloured paper and which are marked "Confidential" on each page. Also attached to this letter is a short description of the two reports.

Yours truly,

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cc: Dennis O'Leary, Legal Counsel, Aird & Berlis LLP

Description of Appendix 5.1 and 5.3 of Enbridge's ARC Exemption Application

Enbridge's Application materials included reports by Gartner Consulting, titled "IT Cost Optimization Support", filed as Appendix 5.1, and Accenture, titled "ISS Market Relative Assessment", filed as Appendix 5.3. Below is a short description of each report.

The IT Cost Optimization Support was prepared by Gartner Consulting, who is a leading IT research and advisory firm. The report is a benchmarking study that was prepared for Enbridge Inc. ("EI"), in order to illustrate EI's and EGD's cost position for IT infrastructure shared services ("ITSS") relative to its peers.

The ISS Market Relative Assessment was prepared by Accenture Inc., who is a leading IT consulting firm. The report is a benchmarking study that illustrates third party pricing for IT infrastructure shared services relative to Enbridge Gas Distribution's Inc. cost for providing ITSS.