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## VIA RESS, EMAIL and COURIER

Ms. Kirsten Walli **Board Secretary** Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street 27<sup>th</sup> Floor Toronto, Ontario M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: **Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.** 

QRAM - EB-2016-0021 - Reply Comments

On March 10, 2016, Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. ("Enbridge" or the "Company") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") for an order approving or fixing interim rates for the sale, distribution, storage, and transmission of gas effective April 1, 2016. Enbridge filed corrections to sections of the evidence on March 14, 2016.

The Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters ("CME") filed a letter on March 15, 2016 requesting an opportunity to review interrogatory responses before unequivocally supporting Enbridge's application.

The Industrial Gas Users Association ("IGUA") filed a letter on March 15, 2016 indicating that it has no objection to EGD's application as corrected on March 14. 2016. IGUA additionally asked Enbridge to clarify whether it still has any buy/sell customers who are direct purchase customers and who are provided gas sales service by EGD and if so, in what rate classes; and, if so, how much longer such arrangements are expected to remain in place.

Enbridge has one Western Buy/Sell agreement with a broker who, under terms of the agreement delivers 40 GJs per day or approximately 400 10<sup>3</sup>m<sup>3</sup> on an annual basis to Empress where the gas in turn is purchased by Enbridge. The Broker represents a number of customers within the Gazifere franchise. Gazifere is an Enbridge affiliate natural gas utility operating in the province of Quebec and is served by Enbridge under Rate 200: Wholesale Service. The end-use customers under this arrangement are customers of Gazifere and are billed by Gazifere under Ms. Kirsten Walli 2016-03-17 Page 2 of 2

Gazifere's Rate 1 and Rate 2. The current Buy/Sell agreement expires October 31, 2016, however, it could be renewed similar to any other Direct Purchase Agreement.

Having responded to comments received from CME and IGUA, Enbridge respectfully requests the Board to approve the Company's QRAM application as filed.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

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Lorraine Chiasson Regulatory Coordinator

cc: EB-2016-0021 Interested Parties