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Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
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**Re: Ontario Energy Board Generic Proceeding
Natural Gas Community Expansion
Board File No.: EB-2016-0004
Enbridge Gas Distribution Interrogatory Responses**

Pursuant to the Ontario Energy Board's correspondence of April 26, 2016, Enbridge Gas Distribution is requesting further information as detailed below.

1. Enbridge Gas Distribution seeks a full response to part (b) of its Interrogatory #1 to the South Bruce municipalities (R13.South Bruce.Enbridge.1).

In Issue 9 of the Issues List established by the Board for this proceeding, the Board has indicated its intention to consider the merits of processes such as the Issuance of Requests for Proposals to enter into franchise agreements. In order for the Board to have reliable, factual evidence upon which to base its consideration of Request for Proposal processes in this proceeding, the only example of which Enbridge is aware that the Board can draw upon for hard evidence is the one that is the subject of Enbridge's interrogatory. EPCOR and the South Bruce municipalities who participated in this Request for Proposal process are parties to this proceeding. Just as the Board has determined that evidence relating to the community expansion proposal by Union Gas should form part of the record for this proceeding, evidence relating to the South Bruce Request for Proposal process should be part of the record for this proceeding. A full answer to Enbridge's interrogatory will assist the Board in its consideration of whether there is an appropriate framework under which Request for Proposal processes can be used to facilitate the provision of natural gas service to unserved communities. While the South Bruce municipalities have relied on the confidentiality of their processes, municipalities that grant franchise agreements subject to Board approval should not expect that information relating to the basis for granting the franchises can be sheltered from consideration by the Board.

2. Enbridge supports the request by Union Gas for a full answer to Interrogatory S4.EPCOR.Union.2

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In other proceedings now before the Board, EPCOR has proposed franchise terms that depart from the provisions of the Model Franchise Agreement approved by the Board. The Model Franchise Agreement, of course, was established on a generic basis by the Board and EPCOR's proposal to depart from the Model Franchise Agreement raises issues that should be addressed in this generic proceeding. Issue 8 in the EB-2016-0004 Issues List explicitly recognizes that it is in this proceeding that the Board will consider changes to municipal franchise agreements to reduce barriers to natural gas expansion. Answers to interrogatories about the franchise terms proposed by EPCOR will assist the Board in its consideration of whether a framework for natural gas expansion to unserved communities should include changes to the Model Franchise Agreement.

This submission was filed through the Board's Regulatory Electronic Submission System ("RESS"). Confirmation of filing is attached to this letter.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

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cc: All parties to EB-2016-0004