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Ontario Energy Board Attention: Ms. Kirsten Walli P.O. Box 2319 2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor Toronto, Ontario M4P 1E4

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Dear Ms. Walli,

RE: ENBRDIGE GAS EXPANSION PROPOSAL #EB-2016-0004

It has been brought to my attention that the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) is currently reviewing submission #EB-2016-0004 by Enbridge Gas Distribution to revise guidelines currently governing natural gas expansion in Ontario.

Though I do not represent a rural riding, many Thornhill constituents are still not able to readily obtain natural gas. In one instance, a constituent contacted me to express frustration over the fact that that she, along with a number of her neighbours, could not receive natural gas without paying a costly sum to expand service to her home.

Enbridge's proposal to enact a volumetric surcharge to collect capital contributions from customers over time will allow homeowners like my constituent to recognize the savings associated with natural gas energy use while minimizing burdensome up-front costs. The benefits would be even greater for rural municipalities with residents not currently able to obtain natural gas service in any capacity.

I strongly support Enbridge Gas Distribution's proposal and its plan to expand infrastructure needed to provide residential, commercial, agribusiness, and industrial businesses with gas service.

Sincerely,

Gila Martow, MPP - Thornhill