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Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: EB-2016-0215 – Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. (EGD) 2017 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**

As representative of Union's large volume industrial customers IGUA intends to continue to actively participate in gas distribution rate related proceedings. IGUA was an active participant in EGD's 2014-18 Incentive Regulation rate plan application [EB-2012-0459] and EGD's intervening rate applications.

IGUA will review EGD's evidence when it is filed and will then be able to determine with more particularity its position on this application. In the interim, we note IGUA's particular interest in; i) EGD's request for approval of the methodology used to determine unit rates for recovery of cap and trade compliance costs, and associated variance accounts; and ii) EGD's commitment to report in this application on an initiative to examine options for cost effective changes to its interruptible distribution service [per the Settlement Agreement reached in EGD's recent application to dispose of earnings sharing and other deferral and variance account balances; EB-2016-0142, see page 14 of the Settlement Agreement therein].

### **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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An electronic copy of prefiled materials will suffice.

Yours truly,

  
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