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#### **Delivered by Email, Courier & RESS**

Ms. Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street 27th Floor, Box 2319 Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. – 2017 Rate Adjustment Application Notice of Intervention of the Association of Power Producers of Ontario ("APPrO") - Board File No. EB-2016-0215

We are counsel to the Association of Power Producers of Ontario ("APPrO") in the above-captioned matter. Please find attached APPrO's Notice of Intervention in this proceeding. Paper copies of this letter and the accompanying Notice will be delivered to you by courier.

Should you have any questions or require further information in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours very truly,

#### BORDEN LADNER GERVAIS LLP

Per:

Original signed by Jessica-Ann Buchta per John A.D. Vellone

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cc: David Butters, APPrO
John Wolnik, Elenchus
Andrew Mandyam, Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.
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Intervenors

**IN THE MATTER OF** the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, Sched. B, as amended;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an Application by Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. for an Order or Orders approving or fixing rates for the sale, distribution, transmission and storage of gas.

# NOTICE OF INTERVENTION OF THE ASSOCIATION OF POWER PRODUCERS OF ONTARIO ("APPrO")

#### October 24, 2016

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#### **INTRODUCTION:**

- 1. Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. ("Enbridge") has filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") under section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, as amended, for an Order or Orders approving or fixing rates for the sale, distribution, transmission and storage of gas commencing January 1, 2017 (the "Application").
- 2. Within the Decision with Reasons in the EB-2012-0459 proceeding, the Board had established a Custom IR framework to set Enbridge's rates over the period of 2014-18. This Decision included, *inter alia*, the approval of placeholder Allowed Revenue amounts for 2015 to 2018 which were subject to adjustment each year to update certain elements of Allowed Revenue. Through this Application Enbridge is seeking approval for the following, as described in its Application: final rates for the year commencing January 1, 2017; the continuation of approved deferral and variance accounts for 2017; the reestablishment for 2017 and 2018 of the Customer Care Services Procurement Deferral Account, in the same form as was approved for 2014 to 2016; the establishment for 2017 of a Rate 332 Variance Account, similar to the account that was approved for 2016 to record any variance that occurs from forecast Rate 332 revenue; the re-establishment for 2017 of the Greater Toronto Area Incremental Transition Cost Deferral Account, in the same form as was approved for 2016; and the determination of all other issues that bear upon the Board's approval or fixing of just and reasonable rates for the sale, distribution, transmission, and storage of gas by Enbridge for the year commencing January 1, 2017.
- 3. APPrO hereby requests intervenor status in this proceeding.
- 4. APPrO previously intervened in Enbridge's application for a 2016 rate adjustment (EB-2015-0114), filing interrogatories and participating in the settlement that was ultimately approved by the Board.

#### **INTEREST OF THE INTERVENOR:**

5. APPrO is a non-profit organization representing more than 100 companies involved in the generation of electricity in Ontario, including generators and suppliers of services,

equipment and consulting services. APPrO members produce power from natural gas, as well as hydro, gas, coal, nuclear, wind, waste wood and other sources.

- 6. Among APPrO's members are gas-fired generators in Enbridge's franchise area. These generators take service from Enbridge primarily under Rate 125. All customers in the Rate 125 rate class are power generators and are not represented by any other consumer group. APPrO's members have a direct and significant interest in this proceeding.
- 7. The evidence filed by Enbridge indicates that Rate 125, the rate used by most generators in Enbridge franchise, is proposed to increase by 7.3%<sup>1</sup>. This rate increase is much more than all other rate classes. This increase is material and will have a detrimental impact on generators. No other intervenor represents customers in Rate 125.

#### **SCOPE OF PARTICIPATION:**

8. APPrO reserves the right to participate in all aspects of the proceeding. APPrO also reserves the right to present evidence as it may deem necessary.

#### APPrO'S EXPERIENCE AS A FREQUENT INTERVENOR:

9. APPrO has a record of participating in Board proceedings as an intervenor. As required by Rule 22.03(b) of the Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure and Rule 3.03.1 of the Board's Practice Direction on Cost Awards, APPrO filed with the Board information on APPrO's mandate, objectives, membership, constituency, programs and activities and other relevant information within the previous 12 month period as part of EB-2015-0114 and EB-2016-0028. This document has been updated and attached as Attachment 1 to this Notice of Intervention.

#### **COSTS:**

10. Pursuant to s. 3.06 of the Board's Practice Direction on Cost Awards, APPrO intends to seek an award of costs from Enbridge. In accordance with s. 3.03(a) of the Board's Practice Direction on Cost Awards, APPrO represents the direct interests of consumers in

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Exhibit H1 Tab 1 Schedule 1 page 3

relation to Enbridge's regulated services (APPrO's members are the largest consumers of Enbridge's services).

11. APPrO has a record of participating in Board proceedings in a responsible and efficient manner and the Board determined that APPrO was eligible for cost awards in other proceedings, including Union and Enbridge rates cases; and several natural gas proceedings that had unique impacts on power generators (including, among others, NGEIR and storage allocation proceedings). APPrO believes it is appropriate for the Board to do so again in the context of this proceeding and in light of the potential impacts of the 2017 Rate Adjustment on APPrO's members.

#### COUNSEL/REPRESENTATIVES

12. APPrO requests that the Board, Enbridge and all intervenors provide it and its counsel and consultant with copies of all written evidence and correspondence related to the proceeding, at the contact information below. APPrO asks that Enbridge deliver (i) a paper copy of its Application and all of its prefiled evidence to Elenchus Research Associates Inc. at the coordinates listed below; (ii) other than the Application and prefiled evidence, electronic versions of the remainder of the filings in this matter will be satisfactory for Elenchus Research Associates Inc. at this time; and (iii) electronic copies of its Application and all other evidence to Borden Ladner Gervais LLP and APPrO at the coordinates listed below.

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## ALL OF WHICH IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS $24^{\rm th}$ DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016

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John A.D. Vellone Counsel to APPrO

#### Attachment 1

#### The Association of Power Producers of Ontario

#### **Description**

The Association of Power Producers of Ontario ("APPrO") is a non-profit trade and professional organization representing more than 100 companies involved in the generation of electricity in Ontario, including generators and suppliers of services, equipment and consulting services. APPrO is the largest organization of its type in Canada. APPrO was established in 1986 as the Independent Power Producers' Society of Ontario and changed its name to APPrO in 2003.

#### Mandate and objectives

APPrO's principal objective is the achievement of an economically and environmentally sustainable electricity sector in Ontario that supports the business interests of electricity generators. APPrO's role in the electricity sector is to raise awareness and understanding of its members' concerns with senior decision-makers in government, regulatory bodies and the public at large.

#### Membership and representative constituency

APPrO currently has about 100 corporate members, who collectively produce more than 95% of the electricity made in Ontario. APPrO's members produce electricity from a range of sources, including natural gas, hydroelectricity, cogeneration, windpower, solar energy, biomass, biogas, nuclear energy, coal, and other sources. The total value of assets owned or operated by APPrO members is estimated at more than C\$50 billion, and the total annual sales of electricity by APPrO members exceeds C\$7 billion per year (wholesale value).

#### **Programs and activities**

APPrO acts as an advocate for its members. It aims to have a voice on regulatory and policy issues which affect generators in Ontario, including electricity market rules, power procurement processes, the regulation of the natural gas market (both provincially and federally), climate change rules and compliance mechanisms, approval requirements, transmission development, distributed generation, and a number of other issues. APPrO is a leading advocate for public policies and regulatory treatments that it believes will facilitate the development of power generation in the province and assist in the development of a more open and competitive market for power.

APPrO also organizes industry conferences and produces a number of publications. APPrO's magazine, IPPSO FACTO, is an authoritative periodical on the electricity business and policy issues in Canada.

### APPrO's authorized representative in OEB proceedings

APPrO's principal authorized representative in proceedings before the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") is Elenchus Research Associates Inc. ("Elenchus"), represented by John Wolnik. Borden Ladner Gervais LLP ("BLG"), represented by John A.D. Vellone with support from other BLG associates, will provide support to APPrO and Elenchus for this proceeding EB-2016-0215. Elenchus and BLG's representation of APPrO in proceedings before the Board is pursuant to written retainer agreements.

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