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VIA EMAIL and COURIER

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Ms Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street, Suite 2700 Toronto, Ontario, M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. ("Enbridge")

2018 Cap and Trade Compliance Plan

File Number: EB-2017-0224 Filing Extension Request



In its letter dated July 27, 2017 ("Letter") the Ontario Energy Board advised the Natural Gas Utilities that the filing deadline for their 2018 Cap and Trade Compliance Plan was extended to three weeks following the issuance of the Board's decision in respect of each of the Gas Utilities 2017 Compliance Plans. The Board issued its decision in respect of the 2017 Compliance Plans on September 21, 2017. The Letter also indicated that if a gas utility requires additional time prior to filing its 2018 Compliance Plan, it may request a further extension. For the reasons set out below, Enbridge requests an extension for the filing of its 2018 Cap and Trade Compliance Plan to Thursday November 9, 2017.

In addition to the release of the Board's decision in respect of the 2017 Compliance Plans, there are a number of developments which need to be further evaluated, clarified and/or confirmed which make a modest delay in filing appropriate. On September 22, 2017, the Government of Ontario announced its intention to proceed with the WCI linkage with Quebec and California. It contemporaneously released two relevant documents: (1) Proposed Amendments to the Cap and Trade Program and Reporting Regulations & Proposed Service Regulation; and, (2) Proposed Administrative Penalties Regulation under the *Climate Change Act*. As well, it is anticipated that the Province will soon be issuing a Draft Offset Credit Regulation.

These updates to the Cap and Trade landscape need ample consideration within Enbridge's 2018 Compliance Plan. For the above reasons, Enbridge respectfully requests that the Board approve a filing date of November 9, 2017.

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Yours truly

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All Intervenors, EB-2016-0300