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EPCOR Commercial Services Inc.
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Dear Mr. Brandell:

**Re: EPCOR Commercial Services Inc.
Natural Gas Service to Bobcaygeon and Scugog Island
OEB File Numbers: EB-2017-0260 / EB-2017-0261**

In a letter dated June 29, 2017, Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. (Enbridge Gas) notified the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) that it intends to file an application to provide natural gas distribution services to the communities of Bobcaygeon and Scugog Island, Ontario.

On November 2, 2017, the OEB issued a letter requesting that any other party that is currently developing a plan to provide natural gas services to either or both of the communities of Bobcaygeon and Scugog Island file a response letter by November 16, 2017. The OEB required that a responding party "...demonstrate that it has already explored the opportunity to provide service in the Bobcaygeon or Scugog Island communities and that it is in a position to file a complete application with the OEB by December 2017." A responding party was also required to provide the following minimum information:

1. The name of the company;
2. A brief description of the work already undertaken to support its application(s) to the OEB; and
3. The date by which the company will be ready to file its complete application(s) to provide gas distribution services to the community.

On November 16, 2017, EPCOR filed a letter with the OEB registering its interest in developing and submitting competitive proposals for natural gas expansion opportunities in Ontario – including for Bobcaygeon and Scugog Island. EPCOR indicated that it would be unlikely to be able to develop and submit a leave to construct application for the two communities by December 2017. The letter also indicated that EPCOR had met with representatives of the Township of Scugog, had “connected with other communities to express EPCOR’s interest in servicing the region” and attached correspondence from the Township of Scugog and the City of Kawartha Lakes dated November 14 and 15, 2017, respectively, that indicated a willingness of those communities to support EPCOR should it be selected to develop gas infrastructure in the area. The letter from The Township of Scugog did, however, note that any competitive submission should be made “efficiently so as not to delay our proposed project in a substantial manner.”

The OEB has reviewed EPCOR’s letter and supporting materials and has determined that EPCOR has not met the minimum information requirements of the OEB. In particular, EPCOR did not provide any substantive information with respect to work undertaken to support its application and did not commit to providing an application to the OEB by December 2017.

Consequently, the OEB will proceed to review Enbridge Gas’ application when it is filed and will not delay its review of the application to accommodate the filing of any competitive application in this matter.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

Kristi Sebalj
Registrar
Office of the Registrar

cc: Joel Denomy, Enbridge
Mayor Tom Rowett, Township of Scugog
Mr. Ron Taylor, CAO, City of Kawartha Lakes