March 26, 2018

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street P.O. Box 2319 Toronto, Ontario M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

<u>Re: EB-2017-0306/0307 - Application by Union Gas Limited and Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. to</u> <u>Amalgamate and for Approval of a Rate Plan</u>

I am representing the Consumers Council of Canada ("Council") in the above-referenced proceeding. On Friday March 23, 2017, Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. and Union Gas Limited filed their interrogatory responses. The amount of material filed is significant. I am reviewing the answers today and tomorrow. My current estimate is that I will have approximately 1.5 hours of questions. That is a preliminary estimate given my review of the answers is ongoing.

I have seen the letter filed today by Mr. Shepherd on behalf of the School Energy Coalition requesting that the Technical Conference be extended beyond the one scheduled day. The Council is supportive of the proposal to add additional days. Limiting the Technical Conference to one day will hinder the ability of intervenors to participate effectively in this proceeding. In addition, as Mr. Shepherd points out, limiting the Technical Conference will likely prolong the oral hearing process.

Yours truly,

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CC: All Parties