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**BY E-MAIL**

March 28, 2018

Dear Mr. Viraney and Mr. Yauch:

**Re: EB-2017-0306 and EB-2017-0307  
Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. and Union Gas Limited Amalgamation and  
Rate –setting Applications**

Decision and Procedural Order No. 3 dated March 1, 2018, required that any party seeking to file evidence in this proceeding should advise the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) by March 27, 2018. In response to this order, OEB staff and Energy Probe filed letters with the OEB indicating that they intended to file evidence.

OEB staff proposes to file one or more reports from Pacific Economics Group (PEG) which will review the applicants' evidence prepared by National Economic Research Associates Inc. Generally this evidence relates to productivity. PEG also intends to provide analysis of the applicants' Price Cap proposal.

Energy Probe proposes to prepare a review of recent regulatory decisions relating to mergers and acquisitions in the utility sector across North America. The report would be prepared by Energy Probe's own consultants, and the estimated total cost for the evidence (including interrogatories and hearing attendance as necessary) would be \$17,950, which Energy Probe would ultimately seek to recover through its cost award.

The OEB believes that it can be assisted by the evidence of OEB staff and Energy Probe, and they may file their evidence by the deadline set in Procedural Order No. 3 (April 11, 2018). Energy Probe's work will be eligible for a cost award. The OEB will consider the quality and value of the evidence before deciding the amount that is cost recoverable.

Yours truly,

*Original signed by*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary

c: all parties in EB-2017-0306 and EB-2017-0307