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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: EB-2017-0319 Renewable Natural Gas Enabling Program and Geothermal Energy Service Program**

Recent events have prompted Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. (“Enbridge”) to review its proposals in the EB-2017-0319 Renewable Natural Gas Enabling Program and Geothermal Energy Service Program application. For example, recent media reports indicate that under Ontario’s incoming government, the ground source heat pump subsidy funding available through GreenOn may not continue to be available beyond some time later this year. This funding was part of the overall Geothermal Energy Services Program that Enbridge had included in the EB-2017-0319 application. It appears, therefore, that Enbridge may have to update the Geothermal Energy Services part of its application. Given that the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) has scheduled a Technical Conference in the EB-2017-0319 application for Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, and given the uncertainty around carbon pricing and subsidies for ground source heat pumps going forward, Enbridge requests that the Board hold the portion of the EB-2017-0319 proceeding related to the Geothermal Energy Service Program in abeyance at this time.

Enbridge requests that the Board continue to process the relief requested in relation to the Renewable Natural Gas Enabling Program in the EB-2017-0319 application. Enbridge believes that it would be appropriate and useful to proceed with the Renewable Natural Gas Enabling Program issues at the June 27<sup>th</sup> Technical Conference.

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Enbridge remains committed to abating carbon emissions and to supporting the expansion of geothermal energy systems for Ontario homeowners and others. Enbridge expects the incoming government of Ontario will continue to promote policies which will reduce carbon emissions. As it has to date, Enbridge will continue to work with the government of Ontario and other stakeholders with the goal of offering the same or a similar Geothermal Energy Services Program as currently set out in the EB-2017-0319 application. Enbridge will take some time to review and consider the implications of recent and upcoming events, and will report back to the Board with its plans for updating the Geothermal Energy Service Program aspect of its EB-2017-0219 application. Enbridge will provide an update on its plans by August 31, 2018 (or earlier, if appropriate).

Regards,

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Cc: All Parties to EB-2017-0319