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VIA ERF SUBMISSION AND COURIER

Mr. Paul B. Pudge, Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street, 26th Floor Toronto, Ontario M4P 1E4

Dear Mr. Pudge:

Re: Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.

<u>RP-2002-0167</u> (Georgian Bay Distribution System Reinforcement Project)

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Please be advised that Enbridge Gas Distribution is respectfully withdrawing its RP-2002-0167 application, pursuant to rule 20.01(a) of the *Ontario Energy Board Rules of Practice and Proce-dure*. Recent simulations of current loads in the Georgian Bay Distribution System indicate that the load additions to the system in 2001-2002 were less than initially forecast. Accordingly, the Company believes that it will be able to defer the construction of the reinforcement project by a minimum of one year.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Richard Lanni Associate Legal Counsel

cc: W. Teper, Board Staff

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