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July 27, 2018

**VIA E-MAIL**

Ms. Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board  
2300 Yonge St.  
Toronto, ON

Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: EB-2018-0131– Enbridge Gas Distribution – 2017 Disposition of Deferral Account  
Balances and Earning Sharing Mechanism  
Notice of Intervention of Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)**

Please find enclosed the Notice of Intervention of VECC in the above-noted proceeding. We have also directed a copy of the same to the Applicant.

Yours truly,

*Original signed*

John Lawford  
Counsel for VECC

Andrew Mandyam, Director Regulatory Affairs  
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**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD  
IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION BY  
ENBRIDGE GAS DISTRIBUTION INC. (EGD)  
2017 DISPOSITION OF DEFERRAL ACCOUNT BALANCES  
AND  
2017 UTILITY EARNINGS  
NOTICE OF INTERVENTION  
OF THE  
VULNERABLE ENERGY CONSUMERS COALITION**

To: Ms. Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary

And to: **Mr. Andrew Mandyam, Director Regulatory Affairs, EGD**

**IDENTITY OF THE INTERVENOR AND ITS MEMBERSHIP**

1. The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) hereby expresses its intention to intervene and participate in the above-mentioned proceeding. VECC consists of the following organizations:
  - (a) The Federation of Metro Tenants Association (FTMA)
  - (b) The Ontario Coalition of Senior Citizens' Organizations (OCSCO)
2. The Federation of the Metro Tenants Association (the "FTMA") is a non-profit corporation composed of over ninety-two affiliated tenants associations, individual tenants, housing organizations, and members of non-profit housing co-ops. In addition to encouraging the organization of tenants and the promotion of decent and affordable housing, the Federation provides general information, advice, and assistance to tenants. The address is:

500-27 Carlton Street  
Toronto, ON  
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3. The Ontario Coalition of Senior Citizens' Organizations ("OCSCO") is a coalition of over 160 senior groups as well as individual members across Ontario. OCSCO represents the concerns of over 500,000 senior citizens through its group and individual members. OCSCO's mission is to improve the quality of life for Ontario's seniors. OCSCO's address is:

333 Wilson Avenue, Suite 406  
Toronto, ON  
M3H 1T2
4. The coalition of the FMTA and OCSCO under the name VECC has the specific mandate of intervening in proceedings to advocate on behalf of the interests of Ontario's vulnerable consumers with respect to energy issues, primarily through intervention in regulatory

- proceedings at the Ontario Energy Board.
5. Although the organization is not itself a member of VECC, the Public Interest Advocacy Centre (PIAC) in Ottawa assists in the representation of the interests of vulnerable consumers by ensuring the availability of competent representation and consultant support to the VECC participation.
  6. VECC is a frequent intervenor in Board proceedings. Our annual information filing can be found on the Board's website at:  
[http://ontarioenergyboard.ca/oeb\\_Documents/Intervenor\\_Filings/VECC\\_2014\\_annual\\_intervenor\\_filing20140605.pdf](http://ontarioenergyboard.ca/oeb_Documents/Intervenor_Filings/VECC_2014_annual_intervenor_filing20140605.pdf)

**INDIVIDUALS AUTHORIZED TO REPRESENT VECC IN THIS PROCEEDING**

7. The name & address of the agent authorized to receive documents on behalf of VECC is:

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Counsel, Regulatory and Public Policy  
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613- 562-4002 ext. 25  
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PIAC Office: 613-562-4002 (Donna Brady) Ext. 21

8. VECC requests that all correspondence and documentation also be electronically copied to VECC's consultants:

Mark Garner (project manager)  
Econalysis Consulting Services  
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647-408-4501 (office)  
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9. To mitigate costs VECC requests only electronic copies of the materials. VECC may request paper copies of some or all of the materials should this become necessary. VECC requests electronic copies of the application and any additional supporting materials are sent to Mr. Lawford and Mr. Garner at their respective e-mail addresses.

#### **GROUND FOR THE INTERVENTION**

10. EGD proposes to adjust rates in accordance with the Board approved agreement setting out multi-year incentive ratemaking mechanisms for the years 2014-2018. 11. VECC was an intervenor multi-year (2014-18) Custom IRM application of Enbridge Gas Distribution EB-2012-0459. VECC was also an intervenor in EGD's prior year's Account Disposition and ESM application, EB-2017-0102. VECC's interests are to see that the implementation of rates is in accordance with the Board approved agreement. VECC is also interested in ensuring past commitments approved by the Board as part of prior year application settlements are being honoured.

#### **INTERESTS OF THE INTEVENOR**

11. VECC is intervening in order to ensure that consumer interests and in particular the interests of the low-income and vulnerable users of natural gas are fully represented in the determination of just and reasonable rates.

#### **INTENTION TO SEEK COST AWARDS**

12. VECC will be requesting an award of costs for its participation in this proceeding and believes that, as a coalition representing the direct interests of consumers, it meets the eligibility criteria set out in the Ontario Energy Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure (Section 41) and its' Practice Direction on Cost Awards (Section 3.03).
13. VECC's members do not have access to the direct funding required to retain appropriate legal and consulting support for its intervention in OEB proceedings. Accordingly VECC relies on PIAC to provide legal support and retain qualified consultants on the basis that PIAC can recover the related fees and disbursements from the Board based on the Board's Practice Direction on Cost Awards at the prevailing Cost Award Tariff.

**DATED AT TORONTO, JULY 27, 2018**