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Dear Mr. Young:

## Re: Funding of Expansion of Natural Gas Distribution Systems

I am writing in relation to section 36.2 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* and Ontario Regulation 24/19 (Expansion of Natural Gas Distribution Systems) (Expansion Funding Regulation), both of which came into force on July 1, 2019.

Section 7 of the Expansion Funding Regulation contemplates that the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will provide the Independent Electricity System Operator with confirmation once the necessary OEB approvals referred to in section 2(b) of the Expansion Funding Regulation have been obtained in relation to a gas expansion project covered by the Expansion Funding Regulation. Section 2(b) refers to "all necessary approvals from the [OEB] to authorize the expansion of a natural gas distribution system", which means any one or more of the following approvals as may be applicable to a given project:

- A Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity under section 8 of the Municipal Franchises Act
- A Municipal Franchise Agreement under section 9 of the Municipal Franchises
  Act
- Leave to construct under section 96 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* further to an application under section 90

By this letter, the OEB is confirming that, to the extent that they were required, all such approvals have been obtained in respect of the following two projects listed in Schedule 1 of the Expansion Funding Regulation:

- Chippewas of the Thames First Nation Project being developed by Enbridge Gas Inc. (item 3 in Schedule 1)
- Scugog Island Project being developed by Enbridge Gas Inc. (item 5 in Schedule 1)

Any questions relating to this letter should be directed to Nancy Marconi, Manager, Supply & Infrastructure Applications, at Nancy.Marconi@oeb.ca or at 416-440-7680. The Board's toll-free number is 1-888-632-6273.

Yours truly, MM Aldrel.

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