

BY EMAIL

July 19, 2019

Ms. Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor Toronto ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: Enbridge Gas Inc.

2019 Community Expansion - Chippewas

OEB File No. EB-2019-0139
OEB Staff Submission

On April 24, 2019, Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) filed an application seeking approval under section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* of a System Expansion Surcharge (SES) applicable to a portion of the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation (COTTFN). More particularly, Enbridge Gas is seeking approval to extend to the COTTFN the SES that was previously approved by the OEB in the Enbridge Gas<sup>1</sup> 2015 Community Expansion Project<sup>2</sup>.

The OEB issued a notice of hearing for the current application on May 29, 2019. The letter of direction required that the notice be served directly on potential customers that are expected to take service from the proposed facilities. The intervention period ended on July 15, 2019. No one has applied for intervenor status.

OEB staff has reviewed Enbridge Gas' application and have no issues that require interrogatories or submissions. OEB staff has no concerns with the OEB granting Enbridge Gas' section 36 request.

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> At the time, acting as Union Gas Limited.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> EB-2015-0179. Construction of this project is now complete, and customers are currently paying the OEB approved \$0.23 / m³ SES.