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Ms. Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319, 27th Floor 2300 Yonge Street Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Re: EB-2019-0137 Consultation to Review Natural Gas Supply Plans

Dear Ms. Walli,

We are writing to seek participant status in the consultation process on behalf of the Corporation of the Town of Marathon.

The Corporation of the Town of Marathon, on its own behalf and as a representative of the Township of Manitouwadge, the Township of Schreiber, the Township of Terrace Bay and the Municipality of Wawa, recently filed an application for a leave to construct a natural gas distribution system within the municipalities. The municipalities are located along the north shore of Lake Superior between Nipigon and Sault Ste. Marie and are in the process of forming a natural gas distribution utility to serve the combined population of approximately 11,000 people that do not currently have access to natural gas. The application has been filed under case number EB-2018-0329 but has not been posted on the OEB website as of the date of this letter. A gas supply plan for the utility to be formed is included in the application.

The Town of Marathon intends to participate to ensure the gas supply plan of the utility to be formed is aligned with the objectives and expectations of the Ontario Energy Board and intervenors and that any general gas supply plan guidelines or policy directions appropriately consider utilities with operating structures that differ from Enbridge/Union and EPCOR.

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The Town of Marathon currently intends to participate in the stakeholder conference both in person and remotely. Please provide further communications with respect to this matter to the following:

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The Corporation of the Town of Marathon is not eligible for cost awards for this consultation.

Please contact Andrew Blair if the Board requires any further information.

Sincerely,

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