

September 6, 2019

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

Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: EB-2019-0003 – Enbridge Gas Inc. – Post 2020 Natural Gas Demand Side Management Framework Consultation – Correspondence**

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On June 27, 2019, in accordance with the Ontario Energy Board's ("OEB") letter dated May 21, 2019 initiating a consultation process to develop a Demand Side Management ("DSM") Framework for natural gas distributors beginning in 2021,<sup>1</sup> Enbridge Gas Inc. ("Enbridge Gas") filed written comments as part of the above noted proceeding.

Throughout its written comments, Enbridge Gas maintained that the current 2015-2020 DSM Framework is sufficiently broad and provides the appropriate flexibility to enable full consideration for varied and comprehensive post-2020 DSM program development, including deeper consideration of issues highlighted by the OEB in its Mid-Term Report. Enbridge Gas concluded that a wholesale and fundamental review of DSM/conservation is unnecessary.<sup>2</sup> Enbridge Gas went on to emphasize the importance of maintaining continuity of Framework fundamentals in order to ensure a seamless transition from the current Multi-Year DSM Plan and to avoid interruption of DSM/conservation offerings across Ontario. On this basis, Enbridge Gas appealed to the OEB to approve the Post-2020 Framework by October 31, 2019 and proposed a process and timeline to meet this objective expediently and efficiently.

As more than two months have passed without any further direction from the OEB, and in the interest of maintaining continuity of DSM/conservation offerings across Ontario, Enbridge Gas has concluded that it is no longer reasonable to assume that a Post-2020 DSM Multi-Year Plan can be completed, reviewed and approved in time for the 2021 DSM program year. As a result, a 2021 Transition Plan is necessary to avoid

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<sup>1</sup> EB-2019-0003 OEB Letter: Post-2020 Natural Gas Demand Side Management Framework (May 21, 2019).

<sup>2</sup> EB-2019-0003 Enbridge Gas Written Comments (June 27, 2019), pp. 17-18.

interruption of DSM/conservation offerings and to bridge the gap between the current 2015-2020 DSM Plans and a future Post-2020 DSM Plan. Accordingly, Enbridge Gas advises that it has commenced work on a 2021 Transition Plan.

If you have any questions or concerns with respect to this submission please contact me at 519-436-4558.

Sincerely,

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