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BY E-MAIL

November 13, 2019

Mr. Joel Denomy Technical Manager, Regulatory Applications Enbridge Gas Inc. 500 Consumers Road North York, ON M2J 1P8 EGIregulatoryproceedings@enbridge.com

Dear Mr. Denomy:

Re: Enbridge Gas Inc. Scugog Island Pipeline Project (Project) Ontario Energy Board File Number: EB-2017-0261

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) is in receipt of your letter dated November 8, 2019, in which Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) requests that the OEB extend the deadline by which construction of the Project must commence to 21 months from date of the Decision and Order (i.e., by February 29, 2020) (Change Request No. 1).

On May 31, 2018, the OEB granted Enbridge Gas Inc. leave to construct the Project. Condition of Approval 2(a) of the Decision and Order (Condition 2a) provided as follows:

Authorization for leave to construct shall terminate 18 months after the decision is issued, unless construction has commenced prior to that date.

Enbridge Gas requests that Condition 2a be varied to extend the date by which construction must commence to the end of February 2020.

In its letter dated November 8, 2019, Enbridge Gas explains that the Project was placed on hold for a number of months pending funding, and that earlier in the year it recommenced work on the Project with the expectation that construction would commence later in 2019. Enbridge Gas states that it has been working with various agencies to ensure that all necessary authorizations and permits are acquired prior to commencing construction. However, there remains one outstanding permit that Enbridge Gas is working with the authorizing agency to finalize within the next few weeks. Enbridge Gas states that it is unlikely, given the outstanding permit and the requirement to provide the OEB with 10 days prior notice of construction, to be able to commence construction by November 30, 2019. While Enbridge Gas may still be able to commence construction prior to the end of 2019, Enbridge Gas states that the requested extension would provide additional buffer time that may be required to accommodate winter construction conditions.

As the Manager, Applications Natural Gas, I have been delegated, under section 6 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, the authority of the OEB to determine whether Enbridge Gas' proposal will result in material changes to the natural gas pipeline in respect of which leave to construct was granted by the OEB in the EB-2017-0261 proceeding. I have been further granted the authority to approve any changes that I have concluded are not material.

Based on my review of the information provided in Change Request No.1, I find that the extension of the construction commencement deadline by 3 months (i.e. to February 29, 2020) proposed by Enbridge Gas is not material. I hereby approve the proposed change.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

Pascale Duguay Manager, Applications Natural Gas