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Christine E. Long Registrar and Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319 2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor Toronto ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Long

# RE: EB-2019-0271 Enbridge Gas Inc.- Natural Gas Conservation Programs for 2021 Energy Probe Intervenor Request Letter

Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe) applies for intervenor status in the EB-2019-0271 proceeding, the application by Enbridge Gas Inc. to the Ontario Energy Board for the approval of its Natural Gas Conservation Programs for 2021

### **Statement of Interest**

Energy Probe is an environmental and consumer organization which promotes economic efficiency in the use of resources. Energy Probe will be representing its natural gas residential and small commercial customer supporters in Ontario, which we have some number of thousands, and will also be representing a broader concern with respect to the overall financial health and operational integrity of Ontario utilities. Energy Probe has been a responsible participant in OEB proceedings for over thirty years and participated in the development of the current natural gas DSM framework used by rate regulated natural gas distributors. Energy Probe was an active participant in the related proceeding, EB-2019-0003 and hopes that its participation in this proceeding will be of assistance to the Board.

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# Hearing

Energy Probe hopes that all issues can be resolved through settlement negotiations and that a hearing will not be necessary. However, if a hearing is required, Energy Probe plans to be an active participant in the hearing, whether it is in an oral or written form.

# Costs

Energy Probe is a non-profit organization which relies on individual donations to help protect the public interest. Without the prospect of an award of costs, Energy Probe's ability to participate in proceedings would be very limited. Energy Probe intends to seek a cost award in this proceeding, and expects to intervene responsibly, cognizant of the Board's guidelines regarding cost awards.

# **Communications**

Communications relating to this Intervenor Request Letter, including but not limited to all documents filed with the Board by the applicant and required by Energy Probe, should be directed to consultants:

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Respectfully submitted on behalf of Energy Probe.

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