From: Christine Brown Sent: Friday, February 7, 2020 9:18 AM To: BoardSec <<u>BoardSec@oeb.ca</u>> Subject: Enbridge Dawn Parkway Expansion Fracked Gas Pipeline #EB 2019-0159

Dear Members of the Ontario Energy Board:

I am addressing your question of whether or not our climate crisis should be considered in the decision to allow the expansion of a pipeline that increases delivery and consumption of fossil fuels. In short, and most directly, it is a priority that we do so.

I am looking for the reassurance that the decision made by the Ontario Energy Board concerning the expansion of the fracked gas pipeline will serve the greater good, and support our collective survival as we aim to reduce carbon from burning fossil fuels.

Today, the climate crisis is uppermost on the minds of those evaluating consumer products, services, and behaviours. Oil and gas are most contentious, and therefore any judgment that involves their development must include their relationship to carbon targets and the climate crisis.

Why would Enbridge be exempt from participating in the goal to reduce carbon emissions? The corporate model that maintains "business as usual" in the face of contributing to climate change must be reviewed and challenged. Diversification and retooling are part of new models responding to our climate crisis. The further question, within a framework that includes the climate crisis, is how will the proposed Enbridge pipeline expansion reduce carbon emissions and help Canada reach it's targets by 2030? The OEB and the Ministry of the Environment have an opportunity to hold Enbridge accountable to the higher standard of reaching climate targets that sustain life.

Sadly, we are living with the evidence of climate emergencies and it would appear we are already behind in cooperating with each other to prevent further loss and pain. We need leaders that can help to establish an even playing field that calls for new behaviours. No one is exempt from our collective responsibility to make life sustainable, reach targeted carbon reductions, and demonstrate bold new solutions. Enbridge has an opportunity to be a leader in the new economy.

I am asking the Ministry of Environment for Ontario and the Ontario Energy Board to include the climate crisis in its judgment of the expansion of the Enbridge Dawn Parkway fracked gas pipeline. Let us not miss this opportunity.

With loving kindness for a world in transition, I thank you for your attention.

Yours truly,

Christine Brown

Cc: The Honorable Jeff Yurok, Minister of the Environment