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Cc: Jeff.Yurek@pc.ola.org
Subject: Re: Enbridge Gas Inc. - 2021 Dawn Parkway Expansion, #EB-2019-0159

I am writing to you on behalf of EcoWHam, the Eco churches of West Hamilton, with respect to Enbridge's proposal.

We are opposed to this pipeline proposal for the following reasons.

To build a natural gas pipeline across sensitive wetland habitat and the greenbelt flies in the face of environmental stewardship.

The source of the gas is a concern given the problems of fracked gas contaminating groundwater, destabilizing the ground where fracking takes place, and the release of fugitive gases such as methane, a potent greenhouse gas, into the atmosphere.

Notwithstanding nuclear war, climate change is the greatest existential threat to humans and other life on earth. We believe that we should be sunsetting the fossil fuel industry, not expanding it to further exacerbate climate change. If we are to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 50% by 2030 energy efficiency must encouraged and fossil fuel use reduced and replaced with cleaner forms of energy.

This proposal raises other questions.

If New York and other northern states are not willing to build a pipeline to bring gas fracked to New England, why is Enbridge proposing that one be built in Canada to do so?

Why would we subsidize gas being consumed in the U.S.?

It is important that there be a thorough assessment of the significant issues raised by the Enbridge proposal and that an oral hearing be held.

To reiterate, we are opposed to this proposal.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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