From: Ann Truyens Sent: Friday, February 28, 2020 1:16 PM To: BoardSec <<u>BoardSec@oeb.ca</u>> Subject: Enbridge's Dawn-Parkway gas pipeline proposal

To Ontario Energy Board,

To the OEB and the Ontario government,

Giant fossil fuel distribution company Enbridge wants to build a large gas pipeline expansion through Hamilton. To pay for the pipeline, Enbridge Gas proposes to increase rates for consumers throughout Ontario by \$120 million.

The Dawn-Parkway pipeline would increase fracked gas imports from the US and allow greater use of gas-fired power plants in Ontario, growing greenhouse gas pollution by more than 300 per cent by 2025. In addition, the pipeline construction would take place on ecologically significant wetlands. This is unacceptable in a climate emergency, and I strongly object to this plan for the following reasons:

Increasing natural gas pipeline capacity does not square with Ontario's environment plan which relies on a significant decrease in natural gas emissions to meet its carbon pollution reductions.
Fossil fuel project reviews, such as of Enbridge's Dawn-Parkway gas pipeline, must consider the climate impacts of upstream extraction and downstream consumption

•Pipeline reviews need to assess the economic risks of projects in the face of global commitments to reduce fossil fuel use, especially when Ontario ratepayers subsidize pipeline costs.

•OEB reviews of energy projects need to consider alternatives like investments in energy efficiency, conservation and renewable energy.

•Pipeline assessments need to seriously consider impacts to species at risk and ecosystems from construction and leaks. Those ecological studies need to happen before a review is conducted, not after.

You must hold a fully transparent oral hearing, open to the public. The Enbridge Dawn-Parkway pipeline proposal affects all people living in Ontario!

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Yours truly,

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