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March 31, 2020

**VIA E-MAIL**

Christine E. Long  
Registrar and Board Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board  
Toronto, ON

Dear Ms. Long:

**Re: EB-2019-0194 – Enbridge Gas Inc. (EGI) 2020 Phase II Argument Request for filing extension**

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VECC has reviewed the correspondence of EGI with respect to the request for a one week extension for reply argument. While VECC is endeavouring to complete its submissions as soon as possible recent events have also challenged our timelines. In light of the pandemic PIAC's Ottawa office has been closed.

We therefore ask that the Board consider a new filing date for intervenor arguments of **April 7, 2020**. Enbridge's correspondence of March 30 requests a 21 (rather than 14) day response period to those submissions. We support that accommodation.

We would also take this opportunity to alert the Board that due its office closing PIAC will be unable to assist our client, VECC, in the filing of cost award claims at this time. To date the Board has one proceeding affecting VECC - EB-2019-0137, which requires claims to be filed by April 21. We are working to find work arounds in the current crisis to meet that requirement. We will contact the Board as soon as possible if we are unable to do so.

Yours truly,

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