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Ms. Christine Long

Board Secretary

Ontario Energy Board

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Dear Ms. Long:

Re: EB-2019-0159 – Enbridge Gas Inc. – Kirkwall-Hamilton Pipeline Project

We are writing further to *Procedural Order #3* to request an extension of the deadline for the evidence of the Green Energy Coalition and Environmental Defence to at least May 18. This would be 15 business days following the receipt of interrogatory responses from Enbridge. The experts we have retained require those interrogatory responses to prepare their evidence. A deadline of May 8 would not allow sufficient time to prepare the evidence as the interrogatory responses are due on April 27.

If possible, 20 business days to prepare the evidence would be preferable. This would correspond to a deadline of May 25. COVID-19, physical distancing, and remote working are creating a number of challenges and considerable uncertainty. Mr. Chernick is also scheduled as a witness in another proceeding for May 11-15, the timing and status of which are uncertain. We believe an extension to May 18 should be sufficient, but these are uncertain times.

Although Enbridge has requested a compressed timeline for this proceeding, it has not established that this is indeed necessary. The need and appropriateness of a compressed timeline is very much disputed. Furthermore, the various impacts of COVID-19 may mean that Enbridge itself is no longer proposing a 2021 in-service date.

Lastly, please note that we provided the majority of our interrogatories on March 9, 2020, more than three weeks prior to the current due date. We remain committed to participating effectively in a robust process to consider this application.

Yours truly,



Kent Elson

cc: Parties in the above proceeding