



Ms. Christine Long
Registrar and Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
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Dear Ms. Long,

Re: EB-2020-0066 Enbridge Voluntary RNG Program

The City of Ottawa recommends that the Ontario Energy Board grant Pollution Probe the status of intervenor in Case Number 2020-0066. The City and Pollution Probe have had constructive dialogue since July 2019 regarding the City of Ottawa's Municipal Energy Plan, Energy Evolution which includes energy options for approximately one million Ontario energy consumers.

Energy Evolution has responded to and studied required actions to support the Ottawa City Council mandate to reduce community greenhouse gas emissions by 100% by 2050. In response, the planning department of the City of Ottawa commissioned integrated modelling work to detail the likely actions required to meet the 2050 date and renewable natural gas (RNG) plays a prominent role. From this modelling work, it is estimated that RNG will be required to contribute approximately 12% of required community emissions reductions by the year 2050.

The voluntary nature of the Enbridge's proposal aligns with the Ontario government's Made in Ontario climate plan and affords consumers more purchasing choice. We note the corporation of the City of Ottawa is itself an Enbridge customer with over 400 local accounts. In addition to consumer benefits, we foresee economic development opportunities in both the construction of RNG processing facilities, their operation and potentially in the supply of RNG feedstock. The latter of these potential opportunities is a rural development avenue for Ottawa because of sizable modern agricultural areas within the municipal boundaries.

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We hope that the Ontario Energy Board considers this letter of support and grants Pollution Probe the status of intervenor in Case Number 2020-0066. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Mike Fletcher, Project Manager of Energy Evolution at mike.fletcher@ottawa.ca or 613-880-3688.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Don Herweyer", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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