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## VIA RESS and EMAIL

Ms. Christine Long Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Long:

## Re: Enbridge Gas Inc. ("Enbridge Gas") Ontario Energy Board ("Board") File No.: EB-2019-0137 5 Year Gas Supply Plan <u>Comments on Cost Claims</u>

Enbridge Gas has reviewed the cost claim submissions for the above noted proceeding. With the exception of the cost claims of the Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario ("FRPO") discussed below, Enbridge Gas does not have any specific concerns with the cost claims submitted.

In its Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards dated March 27, 2020 the Board provided an updated list of activities for which cost awards would be available, inclusive of total eligible hours per activity per participant. This list is provided below:

ACTIVITY	TOTAL ELIGIBLE HOURS PER PARTICIPANT	
Written questions	Up to 10 hours	
Preparation for the Stakeholder Conference	Up to 2 hours	
Attendance at Stakeholder Conference	Actual attendance time (up to 11.5 hours)	
Written comments on gas supply plans	Up to 15 hours	
Written comments on draft OEB Staff Report	Up to 10 hours	

ACTIVITY	TOTAL ELIGIBLE HOURS PER PARTICIPANT	FRPO HOURS REQUESTED IN COST CLAIM	INCREMENTAL HOURS REQUESTED
Written questions	Up to 10 hours	12.5	2.5
Preparation for the Stakeholder Conference	Up to 2 hours	2	0
Attendance at Stakeholder Conference	Actual attendance time (up to 11.5 hours)	12	0.5
Written comments on gas supply plan	Up to 15 hours	29.5	14.5
Written comments on draft Staff Report	Up to 10 hours	14	4
TOTAL	48.5	70	21.5

FRPO's cost claims exceed the above noted hours for all items save Preparation for the Stakeholder Conference, as outlined in the table below:

Enbridge Gas notes that all other interested parties submitted cost claims within the eligible hours prescribed by the Board in this consultation. Enbridge Gas also notes the prescribed limits above were provided to parties in advance within letters dated September 27, 2019 and December 19, 2019. Enbridge Gas does not believe it would be appropriate to grant FRPO cost awards for incremental hours when advance notice of eligible hours was provided, and all other interested parties were successful in managing within the hours prescribed. Enbridge Gas submits that FRPO should be granted cost claims relating to 48.5 hours of activity in accordance with the Board's prescribed limits.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

(Original Signed)

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Cc: Interested Parties EB-2019-0137