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Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street 27<sup>th</sup> Floor Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Attention: Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Walli:

## Re: LIEN Board File No. EB-2020-0091 Enbridge Gas Inc.'s Integrated Resource Planning Proposal

Willms & Shier Environmental Lawyers LLP is counsel for the Low-Income Energy Network ("LIEN"). LIEN seeks eligibility to intervene in the Board's proceeding relating to Enbridge Gas Inc.'s Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) Proposal. LIEN also seeks eligibility for a cost award.

## LOW-INCOME ENERGY NETWORK

LIEN represents 70 member groups across Ontario. As a network representing the intersection of interests related to low-income consumers and energy and sustainability, LIEN's focus is on reducing the energy bills of all low-income consumers and providing low-income consumers the opportunity to better manage their energy bills. In so doing LIEN addresses customer care matters, commodity prices and rates, and DSM/CDM matters. LIEN helps to ensure that low-income consumers across Ontario have access to conservation programs, technologies and services as well as conservation education, and realize the environmental, energy and economic benefits associated with the more efficient use of energy.

## NATURE AND SCOPE OF INTERVENTION

As stated in LIEN's intervention request letter in EB-2019-0159 (in which LIEN was granted intervenor status and cost eligibility), LIEN is interested in Enbridge's IRP approach for future projects. Enbridge's IRP approach is critical to low-income consumers in so far as it may affect low-income consumers through Enbridge's rates, including but not limited to how Enbridge's IRP approach will tie into Enbridge's DSM programming.

LIEN intends to participate in all aspects of this proceeding.

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## **COSTS**

LIEN requests that the Board find it eligible for costs under section 3.03 (a) of the Board's Practice Direction on Cost Awards. LIEN "primarily represents the direct interests of residential consumers in relation to regulated services". LIEN has been accepted as a party eligible for an award of costs in many other proceedings before the Board.

As a not-for-profit organization, LIEN's participation in this proceeding is dependent on any cost awards it receives. LIEN intends to coordinate its efforts with other stakeholders to avoid duplication where possible. LIEN has retained Judy Simon to provide consulting advice to LIEN in this proceeding. Judy Simon is an expert on energy policy and conservation in Ontario and has been retained for expert advice in many proceedings by LIEN, and other clients, related to these issues.

We request that counsel (Mr. Matt Gardner and Ms. Madiha Vallani) and Ms. Judy Simon, consultant to LIEN, be listed as participants under LIEN, since this makes the later distribution of updates more effective.

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