

June 30, 2020

VIA EMAIL and RESS

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

Dear Ms. Long:

**Re: Enbridge Gas Inc. (“Enbridge Gas” or “EGI”)
Ontario Energy Board (“OEB or the “Board”) File No.: EB-2020-0074
2020 Storage Enhancement Project – Notification of Ministry of
Environment, Conservation and Parks (“MECP”) Acceptance of Species at
Risk (“SAR”) Mitigation Plan**

On June 25, 2020 the Board issued its Decision and Order for the above noted proceeding which included a Condition of Approval related to the SAR matter.

Per section 4 of the Board Order, “Enbridge Gas shall not proceed with the Project until after it files a letter with the OEB notifying it that the SAR matter has been resolved to the satisfaction of the MECP.”

On May 20, 2020, Enbridge Gas received an email confirmation from the MECP that that authorization for the Project is not required as neither sections 9 nor 10 of the *Endangered Species at Risk Act, 2007* (ESA) will be contravened for the two identified SARs, that is, the Butler’s Gartersnake and Eastern Foxsnake.

The MECP encouraged EGI to follow the Mitigation Plan in the Species at Risk Screening Report, dated December 3, 2019 (filed at Exhibit C, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Attachment 3) to ensure that unanticipated impacts to the two SARs and their habitat do not occur. The MECP also recommended that EGI continue to monitor for the two SARs activity during the course of the project to document changes, in the event that there should be any.

EGI is therefore advising the Board that the SAR matter has been resolved to the satisfaction of the MECP and confirms that it will follow MECP’s recommendation as noted above.

As directed in the email, should any of the project activities change, EGI will notify MECP immediately to obtain advice on whether the changes require authorization under the ESA.

Also, in EGI's reply submission, dated June 12, 2020 the date referenced at paragraph 13 was inadvertently shown as May 21, 2020. The correct date should be May 20, 2020.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

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