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Attention: Christine Long, Board Secretary

Subject: OEB File No. EB-2019-0255 – Confidentiality of Filings

We are in receipt of the Board's notice dated 29 July 2020 and the letter from Enbridge Gas Inc. (**Enbridge**) dated 17 July 2020 requesting confidential treatment of proposals (the **Request**) in the matter of EB-2019-0255 (the **Proceeding**).

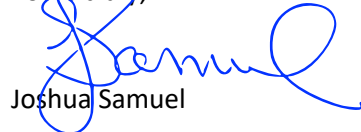
On 19 December 2019, the Board issued a notice setting out rules for this Proceeding. In January 2020, Enbridge and other parties responded with submissions. On 5 March 2020, the Board issued its decision in the Proceeding, which included a commitment to transparency by publishing proposal information by proponents. Now, four months after the decision and without any legitimate justification, Enbridge has produced the Request which asks the Board to reverse the decision's commitment to transparency.

Enbridge's Request is a late attempt to contest and reopen a previously settled step in the Proceeding. As such, it raises significant concerns regarding Enbridge's motives. The Board established and documented rules for this Proceeding. As the largest regulated gas utility operating in Ontario serving more than 3.7 million customers, Enbridge is certainly aware of these rules. However, Enbridge is determined to follow the rules selectively.

The arguments put forward by Enbridge in the Request are not based on a change of circumstances or new facts and therefore have no legitimate justification. Granting the Request, when Enbridge has failed to comply with the Board's rules and filing deadlines, would be unfair to all other parties who have followed the Board's process to date. More importantly, it would be detrimental to the interest of Ontario ratepayers (more than 99% of whom are Enbridge customers) if the Board varies its commitment to transparency by denying public scrutiny of Enbridge's business development activities conducted as a regulated monopoly.

Enbridge is not an unsophisticated actor in this Proceeding. The Request by Enbridge can only be interpreted as cynical, and the Board should disregard it.

Yours truly,



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