

Ms. Christine Long
Registrar and Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
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**Re: EB-2019-0255 Guidelines for Potential Projects to Expand Access to Natural Gas Distribution
Pollution Probe Comments Regarding Confidentiality**

Dear Ms. Long:

In its letter of July 29, 2020, the OEB invited interested parties to submit comments on Enbridge's request for confidential treatment of project information filed for inclusion in the OEB report to the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines (Ministry). Pollution Probe recommends that the project information not be considered confidential and that the OEB proceed per its stated process of posting proponent project information on the OEB website following the deadline for filing project information. Pollution Probe has had an opportunity to review arguments provides the following supporting points.

- The process proposed by the OEB to post proponent project information on the OEB website and in the report to the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines (Ministry) is an open and transparent process and will fulfil the purpose outlined by the Ministry to achieve best value for Ontario consumers.
- No new information has been brought forward since the OEB outlined this process which would suggest the need to treat project information as confidential. Any suggestions for confidential treatment should have been included in the January submissions, prior to OEB finalization and not this late in the process.
- Funding to support expansion of natural gas to communities through this process is collected from all Ratepayer in Ontario. An open and transparent process is needed to ensure that the best and most cost-effective outcomes are achieved.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Pollution Probe.



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