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BY RESS, EMAIL AND COURIER

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

Dear Ms. Long:

**Re: Enbridge Gas Inc.
Ontario Energy Board File No.: EB-2019-0159
2021 Dawn Parkway Expansion Project – Project Status Report**

Background

On May 4, 2020, Enbridge Gas Inc. (“Enbridge Gas” or the “Company”) filed a letter with the Ontario Energy Board (“OEB” or “Board”) requesting that the OEB temporarily adjourn the 2021 Dawn Parkway Expansion Project (the “Project”) proceeding in order for Enbridge Gas to gain clarity as to any impacts of the ongoing and unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic (the “Pandemic”) on the Project. As a condition of the adjournment, Enbridge Gas proposed to report to the OEB as soon as reasonably possible and within six (6) months of the date of the adjournment as to whether the Company had gained sufficient clarity to proceed with the application as originally filed, including responses to the interrogatories already asked and any further interrogatories arising from any updated evidence. Enbridge Gas also acknowledged that the Board might find it appropriate to award certain interim costs to eligible intervenors as part of the adjournment.

On May 7, 2020, the OEB issued Procedural Order No. 6, recognizing the uncertainties arising from the Pandemic and their potential impact on the Project. The OEB went on to state that it was the OEB’s intention to grant the adjournment. Prior to doing so, the OEB requested submissions on the conditions of the adjournment, including regarding the completion of interrogatory responses by Enbridge Gas.

On May 19, 2020, following submissions from intervenors¹ (on or before May 11, 2020) and Enbridge Gas’s responding submission (dated May 13, 2020), the OEB issued its Procedural Order No. 7 and Decision on Adjournment (“PO No. 7”). In PO No. 7, the OEB: (i) decided to allow the requested temporary adjournment upon the terms that Enbridge Gas suggested in its letter of May 4; (ii) directed that Enbridge Gas report to the OEB no later than November 19, 2020 (six months from the date of PO No. 7) on

¹ Importantly, none of the parties who made submissions opposed granting the adjournment request.

the prospects of continuing with the Project application; (iii) determined that it would not be helpful or efficient to have the responses to interrogatories filed at that time; and (iv) made provision for cost eligible intervenors to file interim cost claims.

On July 15, 2020, the OEB issued its Decision and Order on Interim Cost Awards, ordering the Company to pay awarded interim costs subject to certain conditions and understandings.

Project Status and Notice of Withdrawal

At this time, and with the ongoing Pandemic persisting for the foreseeable future, Enbridge Gas has determined that there is no longer a need for the Project in the time frame as originally proposed. Therefore, in accordance with section 20 of the Board's *Rules of Practice and Procedure*, the Company hereby provides notice that it is withdrawing its application for leave to construct² the Project and for approval of the form of Pipeline Easement and Temporary Land Use agreements³ previously filed with the Board.

Enbridge Gas will reassess customer demand for Dawn Parkway System capacity and the need for the Project in 2021 and expects that as sufficient need can be confirmed in the future, it will bring forward a new application for OEB approval.

Enbridge Gas will await any further directions from the Board regarding this notice of withdrawal as it may see fit.

Sincerely,

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EB-2019-0159 (Intervenors)

² Pursuant to Section 90 (1) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, c. 15, Schedule B*.

³ Pursuant to Section 97 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*.