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Dear Ms. Patel:

**Re: Enbridge Gas Inc.
NPS 26 Branchton Relocation
OEB File Number: EB-2020-0065**

Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) filed an application and pre-filed evidence with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on November 9, 2020 seeking leave to construct (LTC) approximately two kilometers of NPS 26 natural gas pipeline in the Township of North Dumfries within the Regional Municipality of Waterloo (Application). The proposed pipeline would be a like-for-like relocation of an existing 1.7 kilometer segment of pipeline that, according to Enbridge Gas, is no longer in compliance with the class location designation requirements of Canadian Standards Association (CSA) Z662: *Oil and Gas Pipeline Systems* (Z662)¹ (Project).

The OEB issued a Notice of Hearing on November 24, 2020. The OEB issued Procedural Order No. 1 on January 7, 2021, in which Environmental Defence Canada Inc. and Pollution Probe were granted intervenor status. A procedural schedule was also set for the interrogatory phase of the proceeding. Interrogatories to Enbridge Gas on the Application were filed on January 15, 2021. Enbridge Gas's responses are due by January 25, 2021.

¹ The purpose of the CSA Z662's class location designation requirements is to identify pipelines or pipeline segments where specific measures are considered necessary to enhance public safety. Designations range from Class 1 (rural) to Class 4 (urban with high-rise buildings).

On January 22, Enbridge Gas filed a letter with the OEB stating that the CSA has released a new edition of the Z662. Further, the Technical Standards and Safety Authority has adopted the new edition of the Z662, which goes into effect in Ontario on February 8, 2021. Due to changes in the new edition related to class location requirements², it appears to Enbridge Gas that a smaller section of the existing pipeline is out of compliance than suggested in the Application. Enbridge Gas has asked the OEB to adjourn the proceeding for two months while Enbridge Gas assesses the effect of the new edition of the Z662 on the existing pipeline. Enbridge Gas proposes that the adjournment be subject to two conditions:

- 1) That Enbridge Gas file an updated application and evidence on or before March 26, 2021 or to withdraw the Application as filed
- 2) That Enbridge Gas continue to work with stakeholders impacted by the Project to determine an appropriate path forward to meet stakeholder needs

Enbridge Gas advised that given the uncertainty of how the Application may be impacted, it does not propose to answer interrogatories at this time. Rather, Enbridge Gas will await the OEB's consideration of this adjournment request and further directions.

On January 24, 2021, Pollution Probe filed a letter supporting Enbridge Gas's request for a two month adjournment. Pollution Probe suggested that the response to interrogatories should still be filed on January 25, 2021 as they may provide useful clarity needed for the OEB to consider Enbridge Gas's temporary adjournment request.

The OEB finds that responses to interrogatories are not required to inform this adjournment request. The OEB will place this proceeding in abeyance, subject to the two conditions proposed by Enbridge Gas. The Application will remain in abeyance and the OEB's performance metric dates for the application will stop until Enbridge Gas files updated evidence on or before March 26, 2021 or withdraws the Application. Further procedural orders may be issued by the OEB.

Please direct any questions relating to this application to Ritchie Murray, Project Advisor at 416-454-8837 or Ritchie.Murray@oeb.ca.

² The change in the 2019 edition is the addition of a 120-person occupancy threshold for buildings in Class 2. Previously buildings occupied by 20 or more people could be classified as Class 2, however, for 2019, criteria have been added where any building occupied by more than 120 people during normal use must now be classified as Class 3.

Yours truly,

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