

March 25, 2021

VIA EMAIL AND RESS

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

Dear Ms. Long:

**Re: Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas)
Ontario Energy Board (OEB) File No: EB-2020-0065
NPS 26 Branchton Relocation Project (Project)**

On January 22, 2021, Enbridge Gas requested a two month adjournment of its application for the Project (Application) in order to consider the impact of recent changes, effective February 8, 2021 in Ontario, to the class location requirements in the former Canadian Standards Association (CSA) Z662-15 (Oil and Gas Pipeline Systems) (Code). The former Code class location requirements underpinned the need for the Application. On January 25, 2021, the OEB agreed to place the proceeding in abeyance subject to the following two conditions proposed by Enbridge Gas:

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

In accordance with section 20 of the OEB's *Rules of Practice and Procedure*, Enbridge Gas hereby provides notice of withdrawal of the Application for the reasons outlined below.

According to the further Project assessment Enbridge Gas has performed on the effects of the Code changes,¹ Enbridge Gas will only need to address Code compliance for the portions of pipeline in road crossings at Branchton Road and Franklin Blvd at this time. Further development in the Project area may necessitate a pipeline relocation in the

¹ These changes are embedded in CSA Z662-19, adopted by the Technical Standards and Safety Authority pursuant to an Oil and Gas Pipeline Systems Code Adoption Document Amendment to replace CSA Z662-15 effective February 8, 2021.

future, however the timing of such development is uncertain. Enbridge Gas is conducting further analysis to determine whether leave to construct may be required for any of this work and will file an application in due course, if required.

Other than appropriate compensation of costs in accordance with the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*, Enbridge Gas respectfully requests that the OEB accept withdrawal of the Application without conditions.

Yours truly,

Tania Persad
Senior Legal Counsel

cc: EB-2020-0065 Intervenors