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**Ontario Energy Board** 2300 Yonge Street **Suite 2700** Toronto, Ontario M4P 1E4

Attention: Christine Long, Board Registrar

Dear Ms. Long:

Re: Ontario Sustainable Energy Association's ("OSEA") Interrogatories

Consultation on Enbridge Gas Inc.'s Annual Update to Five Year Gas Supply Plan

Board File No. EB-2021-0004

Please find enclosed OSEA's interrogatories in the above-noted matter pursuant to the Board's Decision on Cost Eligibility and Procedural Order dated March 16, 2021.

Yours truly,

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# **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

**IN THE MATTER OF** the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15, Sch. B, as amended;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** the Ontario Energy Board's Consultation to Review Enbridge Gas Inc.'s Annual Update to its Five Year Gas Supply Plan

# INTERROGATORIES OF ONTARIO SUSTAINABLE ENERGY ASSOCIATION ("OSEA")

March 30, 2021

## **OSEA IR 1**

Reference: Enbridge 2021 Annual Gas Supply Update dated February 1, 2021, Page 12

*Preamble:* Enbridge references ICF forecasts for overall Ontario demand and notes that "Demand growth is greatest in the power sector and is primarily due to nuclear retirements and refurbishments."

- 1 Did the ICF forecast include the federal government announcement of the intent to raise the carbon price to \$170/tonne by 2030?
- 2 If not, please provide an assessment of the anticipated impact on demand from the carbon price increase to \$170/tonne by 2030 for each category (i.e., power, industrial, commercial, residential).
- 3 It appears the ICF forecast has power sector consumption increasing beyond 2035 when nuclear refurbishments are expected to be completed. Please provide a rationale for this long-term power sector demand growth.

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### OSEA IR 2

Reference: Enbridge 2021 Annual Gas Supply Update dated February 1, 2021, Page 21

*Preamble:* Enbridge states that "the current [demand] forecast was produced in the summer of 2020 and reflects the best information available at the time."

1 The federal government announced its intention to raise the carbon price to \$170/tonne by 2030. What impact does Enbridge foresee this announcement having on demand in the near-term (i.e. next 1-5 years)? Please be specific by customer class.

### OSEA IR 3

*Reference:* Enbridge's 2021 Annual Update to 5 Year Gas Supply Plan dated February 1, 2021, Page 33, see also Pages 6-7

*Preamble:* Enbridge assesses its storage requirements on a yearly basis, and "based on the results of the analysis, a blind RFP process is undertaken to replace expiring storage service agreements or add incremental storage capacity. The inclusion of storage assets in the GSP provides a cost-effective, reliable, and secure alternative to purchasing commodity when required by customers, which is consistent with the Board's guiding principles."

- 1 Will the blind RFP process consider suppliers' carbon costs (e.g., costs associated with operations and equipment)?
- 2 Please describe how carbon pricing could impact the success of a supplier bidding through the blind RFP process. Is it possible that suppliers from jurisdictions without carbon pricing will have an advantage in the RFP process?

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