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Our File No. 72737

Ontario Energy Board
23 Yonge Street, Suite 2700
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Attention: Christine E. Long, Board Registrar

Dear Ms. Long:

**Re: Northwestern Ontario Chambers of Commerce Coalition (“NWCOC”)
Interrogatories
Consultation on Enbridge Gas Inc.’s Annual Update to Five Year Gas Supply Plan
Ontario Energy Board: EB-2021-0004**

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

Yours very truly,

WEILER, MALONEY, NELSON

Per: 
NICK A. MELCHIORRE

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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 NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE COALITION ("NWCOC")

NWCOC IR 1

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

5.1 Annual Demand

"Table 1 below illustrates the annual demand forecast for each rate zone. Overall, the current forecast is showing higher demand compared to the 2020 Annual Update as a result of updated driver variables, recent actual consumption trends, and known and forecasted customer and contracted demand growth."

Q1. What rationale does EGI consider in Table 1 - Annual Demand Forecast, Line 5 Contract for Union North West zone year 2021/22 to 2022/23 to more than double the forecast from 1638 to 3767?

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5.2 Design Day Demand

"Table 2 below illustrates the design day demand forecast for each rate zone. As the customer base continues to increase EGI's design day demand is expected to increase relative to annual demand primarily because DSM and efficiency gains are typically targeted at reducing annual demand as opposed to specifically reducing design day demand."

Q2. If Table 2 - Design Day Demand Forecast for Union Northwest rate zone stays the same for the next four years and then goes down slightly in year five, would that suggest that EGI forecast for Northwest customer base over the next 5 years will stay the same and then slightly decrease?

Q3. If the answer to question 2 above is “yes” then Union North West zone will be the only zone in Ontario where the customer base stays the same over the next four years. What rationale does EGI use to arrive at this conclusion?