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Dear Mr. Denomy:

**Re: Enbridge Gas Inc.
Application for St. Laurent Ottawa North Replacement Project
Ontario Energy Board File Number: EB-2020-0293**

On March 2, 2021, Enbridge Gas Inc.(Enbridge Gas) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) pursuant to section 90(1) and 97 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act 1998*, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule B) for leave to construct approximately 19.8 kilometres of natural gas pipeline and ancillary facilities in the City of Ottawa (Project). Enbridge Gas also applied for approval of the forms of easement agreements related to the construction of the Project.

On March 19, 2021, the OEB issued its Notice of Hearing. On April 9, 2021 the Ministry of Transportation (Ministry) filed a letter of comment stating its concerns with a 500-metre segment proposed to run parallel at the westbound on ramp at Vanier Parkway. In its letter, the Ministry stated that, "The Ministry would like to make the OEB aware that we have concerns with the Phase 4 preferred route proposal from Enbridge Gas Inc. at Vanier Parkway. This "preferred route" follows our property line at the westbound on ramp at Vanier Parkway. This route will not be supported or permitted by the Ministry of Transportation as it places constraints on the Ministry's future ramp, highway and bridge maintenance, repair and construction. The Ministry does not allow utilities to run parallel to freeways. The preferred route option submitted by Enbridge Gas Inc is proposed to run for about ½ a kilometer parallel and adjacent to our freeway corridor. However, the "alternatives route" shown in the "updated Notice of Project Change for

the Enbridge Gas Inc. St. Laurent Ottawa North, Ontario to the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) dated November 18, 2020” is shown to the north of the RCMP [Royal Canadian Mounted Police] building, coming down the North River Road and then on Rideau River Eastern Pathway. This then would connect to the existing pipeline that crosses the Rideau River. This is the Ministry of Transportation’s preferred pipeline alignment, as it would remove the constraints of the Vanier Parkway route and remove the section of existing pipeline that runs parallel to the highway. The alternative route is also shown in the Environmental Report Amendment, but not on any other document/maps provided as part of this notice.”

The Ministry requested that the pipeline be “relocated north of the existing location to avoid conflict with Ministry bridge repairs and future reconstruction works” and stated that the “Ministry of Transportation will not support or permit the preferred route at Vanier Parkway but would support in principle the alternative routing as proposed in the Environmental Report Amendment.”

By letter dated May 5, 2021, Enbridge Gas informed the OEB that it is in discussions with the Ministry and RCMP “to determine a mutually acceptable PR [preferred route] for the segment”. Enbridge Gas also stated that it expects to resolve the issues by the week of May 17th and will file an updated application shortly thereafter.

Given that the concerns raised by the Ministry relate to the route of the proposed pipeline, the OEB will place Enbridge Gas’s application in abeyance until receipt of further notification from Enbridge Gas on the status of issues raised by the Ministry. The OEB will make its determination of the intervention requests at a later stage.

Please direct any questions relating to this application to the Case Manager, Zora Crnojacki, Project Advisor, at 416-440-8104 or Zora.Crnojacki@oeb.ca.

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

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Registrar