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Dear Mr. Torul:

Re: Enbridge Gas Inc.

London Lines Replacement Project

Ontario Energy Board File Number EB-2020-0192

Change Request No. 2

On May 4, 2021, Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) submitted a letter to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) requesting approval of changes to the London Lines Replacement Project (Project) including: additional temporary land use rights (TLU), additional land purchases, removal, increase in size and revision to certain TLU areas (Change Request No.2).

The Change Request No. 2 is made pursuant to Condition of Approval No. 7 of the OEB's <u>Leave to Construct Decision and Order</u> granted for the Project on January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021<sup>1</sup>. Condition of Approval No. 7 provides the following:

7. Enbridge Gas shall advise the OEB of any proposed change in the project, including but not limited to changes in: OEB-approved construction or restoration procedures, the proposed route, construction schedule and cost, the necessary environmental assessments and approvals, and all other approvals, permits, licences, certificates and rights required to construct the proposed facilities. Except in an emergency, Enbridge Gas shall not make any such change without prior notice to and written approval of the OEB. In the event of an emergency, the

OEB shall be informed immediately after the fact.

The Project consists of approximately 90 km of various diameter natural gas transmission pipeline, located in the County of Lambton, the Township of Dawn-Euphemia, Middlesex Country, the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex, the Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc, and the Municipality of Middlesex Centre. The OEB approval included the Project route (OEB-approved Route). The Change Request No. 2 affects a total of ten properties along the OEB-approved Route:

- Four additional TLU areas to facilitate changed construction method
- One TLU area increased in size
- One revised TLU location
- Two additional land purchases for bigger stations
- Two removed TLU areas

Enbridge Gas indicates that additional TLU rights are required to facilitate newly identified construction and installation methods, to provide the crews with a workspace to house equipment, store materials and work safely in areas where there is insufficient room in the road allowance to complete the trenchless installation method, also referred to as Horizontal Directional Drilling/Bore (HDD). Enbridge Gas further states that the detailed design for the construction work has progressed and identified areas where a road crossing should be shifted for safety and ease of installation resulting in four additional TLU areas.

Enbridge Gas also states that as this detailed design has progressed, the lengths of some sections of pipe installed via the HDD installation method have been adjusted resulting in the need for a TLU area increased in size and a revised TLU location.

Enbridge Gas states that two additional land purchases are required for stations that are increasing in size. Enbridge Gas however indicates that two TLU areas have been removed in an effort to minimize the impact of construction.

Enbridge Gas states that the proposed changes will not impact the Project's construction or restoration methods as originally described in the General Techniques and Methods of Construction at Exhibit D, Tab 1, Schedule 1 of the pre-filed evidence for the Project.

Enbridge Gas does not indicate any potential environmental impacts caused by the proposed changes except that an archaeological assessment will be completed on sites that were not included in the original filings.

According to Enbridge Gas, consultation with affected landowners is on-going and all landowners affected by the Change Request No. 2 have been or will be offered the agreements in the form approved by the OEB in the EB-2020-0192 proceeding, and will have signed agreements in place prior to construction on the properties.

Enbridge Gas states that the additional costs of acquiring additional TLU and land purchases will have no material impact on the overall Project costs. Enbridge Gas also states that the additional costs associated with the proposed changes will be allocated to the contingency budget for the Project.

The Change Request No. 2, according to Enbridge Gas, will have no impact on the inservice date of the Project.

As the Manager, Natural Gas Applications, I have been delegated, under section 6 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, the authority of the OEB to determine whether Enbridge Gas's proposal will result in material changes to the natural gas pipeline in respect of which leave to construct was granted by the OEB in the EB-2020-0192 proceeding. I have been further granted the authority to approve any changes that I have concluded are not material.

Based on my review of the information provided in Change Request No.2, I find that the changes proposed by Enbridge Gas are not material. I hereby approve the proposed changes.

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

Pascale Duguay Manager, Natural Gas Applications

cc: All the parties in the EB-2020-0192 proceeding.