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Dear Ms. Long:

**RE: EB-2020-0091 Enbridge Gas Integrated Resource Planning Proposal  
City of Ottawa Letter of Comment**

The City of Ottawa is Canada's fourth largest municipality comprised of rural and urban areas. The City declared a climate emergency on April 26, 2019, and on October 28, 2020, Energy Evolution, the City's community energy transition plan, was passed unanimously by Ottawa City Council. Energy Evolution discusses the importance of energy conservation in helping the City achieve zero emissions by 2050 on a timeline which respects Ottawa doing its part to avoid global heating in excess of 1.5°C.

Although not a direct participant in the proceeding noted above, the City of Ottawa has taken an interest in the Enbridge Gas Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) Proposal. Recently, we were heartened to see Enbridge Gas Distribution's commitment to undertake two pilots where IRP alternatives such as demand side management (DSM) will be used to meet demand forecasts. As this approach aligns with Energy Evolution's stated conservation goals, the City of Ottawa hereby expresses interest in being a community which could be home to one of these pilots. We note that a leave to construct application for an expansion of the gas distribution system in the St-Laurent Blvd area of Ottawa (EB-2020-0293) has been filed and is currently on hold. This appears to provide an excellent candidate for one of the pilot projects. We would like to suggest this project be considered as one of the proposed IRP pilot projects. Ottawa's Energy Evolution plan includes energy efficiency (including DSM), renewables and other elements that align specifically with the gas IRP alternatives being considered by the OEB. This would enable the pilot to assess a comprehensive menu of options that has the best opportunity for success and value to energy consumers in the City of Ottawa. Once the OEB has determined the future direction for gas IRP, we would be interested to explore this opportunity in greater detail.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact **Mike Fletcher**, Project Manager – Environmental Program, at [Mike.Fletcher@Ottawa.ca](mailto:Mike.Fletcher@Ottawa.ca)

Sincerely,

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