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BY RESS AND EMAIL

Christine Long Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Christine Long:

Re: Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas)

Ontario Energy Board File No.: EB-2020-0293

St. Laurent Ottawa North Replacement Project – Project Update

Further to the Application and Evidence filed with the OEB by Enbridge Gas Inc. ("Enbridge Gas" or the "Company") on March 2, 2021,¹ and in response to the letter of comment filed by the Ministry of Transportation ("MTO") on April 9, 2021,² the Ontario Energy Board's ("OEB") May 5, 2021 letter,³ and the MTO's August 9, 2021 letter of comment, Enbridge Gas hereby notifies the OEB that the MTO's concerns have been resolved and that the Company intends to file updated evidence in support of resuming the OEB's review in the coming weeks.⁴

Since May 2021, Enbridge Gas continued consultations with the MTO and RCMP and has established a mutually acceptable New Phase 4 PR for the Project that results in relatively minor adjustments to Project design, costs, and construction schedule. Figure 1 below contains a Project map that distinguishes the Original PR from the New Phase 4 PR which will run within RCMP property parallel to the westbound on ramp to Highway 417 at Vanier Parkway and further along Highway 417. In its August 9, 2021 letter, the MTO states that,

The Ministry of Transportation will support this new alternative shown in figure 1 at Vanier Parkway and will continue to work with Enbridge to finalize the plan, so we can subsequently issue Encroachment and Building permits in accordance to the *Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act (PTHIA)*.

The Company is currently updating its original pre-filed evidence to reflect the New Phase 4 PR throughout and will file that updated evidence with the OEB and serve it onto all parties who received the original application and evidence (including the MTO and the City of Ottawa) as well as those who applied to intervene in this proceeding, as soon as possible.

¹ Pursuant to sections 90(1) and 97 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15*, for leave to construct natural gas pipeline and ancillary facilities in the City of Ottawa (the "Project") and for approval of the forms of easement agreements related to construction of the Project.

² Expressing concerns with the Phase 4 preferred route ("PR").

³ Advising that it had placed the Project application into abeyance until receipt of further notification from Enbridge Gas on the status of issues raised by the MTO.

⁴ As noted in its May 5, 2021 letter, the next step in this proceeding is for the OEB to make a determination on intervention requests.

In its covering letter to the updated evidence, Enbridge Gas intends to address the Letter of Comment filed by the City of Ottawa on May 12, 2021 as well as certain arguments advanced by parties in their applications to intervene in this proceeding. Considering that the matter of resolving the MTO's concerns has resulted in nearly three months delay, the Company respectfully requests that the OEB advance its review of the Company's updated evidence as quickly as possible.

The above noted submission has been filed electronically through the OEB's RESS.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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Figure 1 – Updated Project Map

