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Mr. Adam Stiers Manager, Regulatory Applications – Leave to Construct Enbridge Gas Inc. 500 Consumers Road Toronto, ON M2J 1P8 EGIRegulatoryProceedings@enbridge.com

Dear Mr. Stiers:

Re: Enbridge Gas Inc.

**London Lines Replacement Project** 

Ontario Energy Board File Number EB-2020-0192

Change Request No. 4

On August 9, 2021, Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) submitted a letter to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) requesting approval of the following changes to the London Lines Replacement Project (Project) including: (i) adjusted original location of a station which requires Fee Simple purchase of land at a new location within the same property (ii) adding temporary land use rights (TLU) for the station construction at adjusted location within the same property (iii) eliminating previously anticipated TLU at another property as it is no longer required due to adjusted location of the station (Change Request No.4).

The Change Request No. 4 is made pursuant to Condition of Approval No. 7 of the OEB's Leave to Construct Decision and Order granted for the Project on January 28th, 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

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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. 4 involves three changes affecting a total of two properties along the OEB-approved Route:

- Property where the land purchase for a station with additional surrounding TLU area are required
- Property where the need for a TLU area previously anticipated is eliminated

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: Open Cut/Trench and Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD)/Bore.

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 as per Ontario Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries guidelines.

According to Enbridge Gas, the additional land rights do not affect new landowners. All the affected landowners were identified in the original application filing. Enbridge Gas states that consultation with affected landowners is on-going and all landowners affected by the Change Request No. 4 have been or will be offered the agreements in the form approved by the OEB in the EB-2020-0192 proceeding. Enbridge Gas submitted it will have signed agreements in place prior to construction on the property.

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

The Change Request No.4, 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.4, 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.