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VIA email (boardsec@ontarioenergyboard.ca) and RESS filing

Our File No.

August 26, 2021

Christine Long
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
P.O. Box 2319
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RE: Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.

Application for Licences to Drill Natural Gas Storage Wells in the Corunna Storage Pool and the Ladysmith Storage Pool (Designated Natural Gas Storage Areas)

OEB File No.: EB-2021-0079

Dear Ms. Long:

I am writing to request that the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry ("Ministry") be granted Intervenor status in the above-noted matter.

The Ministry has forwarded the application in question to the Board seeking authorization to drill an A-1 observation well in each of the Corunna Storage Pool and the Ladysmith Storage Pool (proposed wells TC8 and TL8, respectively).

The Ministry regulates storage wells and the activities associated with the well licences under the *Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act* ("OGSRA"), Ontario Regulation 245/97 made under the OGSRA, and the OGSR Operating Standards. The Ministry therefore has a regulatory interest in storage operations, specifically storage wells and storage pool operating pressures. In particular, the Ministry has an interest in the integrity of the storage operations and other subsurface resource activities. As an Intervenor, the Ministry can assist the Board in ensuring ongoing safety and compatibility of these subsurface activities.

The Ministry requests one copy of the evidence and submissions of the Applicant and

other participants, and any notices or correspondence, and any revisions or amendments to same. Our preference is to receive all documents in searchable electronic format.

The Ministry reserves the right to adduce evidence, submit interrogatories, crossexamine witnesses, advance argument and participate in the hearing process as the process allows and the Ministry sees fit to do.

The Ministry will not be seeking an award of costs and has no preference as to whether the hearing should be oral or in writing.

Communications relating to this intervention may be directed to the undersigned.

Yours truly,

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