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

Our File No.

December 3, 2021

Christine Long
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
P.O. Box 2319
2300 Yonge Street, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

RE: Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.

Application for approval to increase maximum operating pressure in Dow Moore and Payne natural gas storage pools; a licence for a new natural gas storage well in the Kimball-Colinville DSA; and approval for new pipeline associated with the new storage well.

OEB File No.: EB-2021-0078

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 hearing.

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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