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Our File No.

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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 Madam,

In accordance with the Procedural Orders for this matter, please find attached the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry's written submission with respect to the above-referenced application.

Yours truly,

Demetrius Kappos
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Encl.

c. The Applicant

ENBRIDGE GAS LIMITED
2022 STORAGE ENHANCEMENT PROJECT
DOW MOORE AND PAYNE POOLS
EB-2021-0078

**Written Submission of the Ministry of
Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry**

Introduction:

Enbridge Gas Limited (“Enbridge”) made application (“the Application”) on October 27, 2021 to the Ontario Energy Board (“OEB”) seeking approval of its 2022 Storage Enhancement Project, seeking the following approvals:

- To increase the maximum operating pressure of its Dow Moore and Payne natural storage pools in order to increase the storage capacity and deliverability of these pools pursuant to section 38(1) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15 (“OEB Act”);
- A favorable report from the OEB to the Minister of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry pursuant to section 40(1) of the OEB Act supporting Enbridge Gas’s application for a licence to drill a new natural gas storage well in its Kimball-Colinville natural gas storage pool;
- To construct 85 metres of NPS 10 steel pipeline to connect the new storage well to the existing Kimball-Colinville gathering line pursuant to section 91 of the OEB Act.

Enbridge made application to the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (“MNDMNR”) pursuant to the *Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act* (“OGSRA”) for a well drilling licence in the Kimball-Colinville (proposed well TKC 69)

Designated Gas Storage Area. On October 22, 2021, MNDMNRF referred the Application to the OEB pursuant to s. 40 of the OEB Act for a Report to the Minister.

The OEB initiated this proceeding subsequent to the MNDMNRF referral.

Further to Interrogatories and responses to Interrogatories, the MNDMNRF is hereby providing a Written Submission.

Analysis:

MNDMNRF Petroleum Operations Section has reviewed Enbridge's Application, Board Staff's Interrogatories (including the proposed conditions of approval) and Enbridge's Response to Interrogatories. We are satisfied that the Application is complete and that Enbridge has offered a complete response to all Interrogatories.

Based on the Application and this further information provided, MNDMNRF has no objection to the Application's approval subject to the Board Staff's proposed conditions of approval. With regard to the draft conditions of approval, we interpret that outstanding items that will or may be required, including from each of the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Cultural Industries and the Ministry of Energy, are in each instance addressed under OEB Staff draft conditions of approval #4 and/or #5.

We understand that Enbridge, as per its response to Interrogatories, confirms that it will comply with the OGSRA, O.Reg. 245/97 made under the OGSRA, the Provincial Operating Standards and CSA Z341.1-14 "Storage of Hydrocarbons in Underground Formations" to the satisfaction of the MNDMNRF.

Conclusion and Relief Requested:

MNDMNRF has no objection to approval of the Application, subject to the OEB Staff's proposed conditions of approval.

ALL OF WHICH IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.

DATED AT Toronto, this the 28th day of January, 2022.

Yours truly,

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