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VIA EMAIL and RESS

Nancy Marconi
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Dear Nancy Marconi:

**Re: Enbridge Gas Inc. (“Enbridge Gas” or “the Company”)
Ontario Energy Board (“OEB”) File: EB-2021-0078
2022 Storage Enhancement Project (“Project”) – Evidence Update**

In the evidence filed on October 27, 2021, Enbridge Gas explained that the Ministry of Energy (“MOE”) had delegated the procedural aspects of consultation with potentially impacted Indigenous communities to Enbridge Gas.¹

The OEB’s *Environmental Guidelines for the Location, Construction and Operation of Hydrocarbon Pipelines and Facilities in Ontario, 7th Edition, 2016* (“Guidelines”) state “...the Ministry of Energy will provide a letter to the applicant expressing its view on the adequacy of the Indigenous consultation based on materials provided to the Ministry of Energy.” The Guidelines further state, “the applicant is expected to file with the OEB the letter from the Ministry of Energy and keep the summary of the consultation record up to date until the OEB renders its decision.”² Exhibit H, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Attachment 3 of Enbridge Gas’s prefiled evidence explained that the Company would file the sufficiency letter provided by the MOE once it had been received.

Further to the evidence filed by Enbridge Gas on October 27, 2021, please find enclosed an April 1, 2022 letter from the MOE. In the letter, the MOE confirms its opinion that the procedural aspects of consultation with potentially impacted Indigenous communities undertaken by Enbridge Gas to date for the 2022 Storage Enhancement Project is satisfactory.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

(Original Digitally Signed)

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¹ Exhibit H, Tab 1, Schedule 1, p. 1.

² Environmental Guidelines for the Location, Construction and Operation of Hydrocarbon Pipelines and Facilities in Ontario, 7th Edition, 2016, p. 18

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April 1, 2022

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Re: Letter of Opinion – 2022 Storage Enhancement Project

Dear Mr. Janisse,

The Ontario Ministry of Energy (ENERGY) has completed its review of Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge)'s Indigenous Consultation Report for the 2022 Storage Enhancement Project.

ENERGY has reviewed the information provided by Enbridge as well as materials filed with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) by Indigenous communities. ENERGY has also reached out to the potentially impacted Indigenous communities to understand any concerns about possible impacts to Aboriginal and treaty rights from the project as well as community feedback about satisfaction with Enbridge's response or proposed mitigation, where appropriate.

This letter is to notify you that based on this review of materials and our outreach to Indigenous communities, ENERGY is of the opinion that the procedural aspects of consultation undertaken by Enbridge to date for the purposes of the OEB's Leave to Construct for the 2022 Storage Enhancement Project is satisfactory.

It is expected that Enbridge will continue its consultation activities with Indigenous communities throughout the life of the project, and that Enbridge will notify ENERGY should any additional rights-based concerns or issues arise.

If you have any questions about this letter or require any additional information, please contact Rosalind Ashe at 437-239-6154 or rosalind.ashe@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Amy Gibson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Amy Gibson, Manager
Indigenous Energy Policy

c: Ontario Energy Board
Ontario Pipeline Coordinating Committee