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Nancy Marconi

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Ontario Energy Board
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Dear Ms. Marconi:

**Re: Enbridge 2022 to 2027 Demand Side Management (“DSM”) Plan
EB-2021-0002**

I am writing to respond to Enbridge’s letter of April 22, 2022 regarding the job posting for a senior member of its municipal energy solutions team that we filed a day earlier. We asked Enbridge to confirm that the job posting was indeed for a position to be funded by ratepayers under its municipal energy solutions DSM programming. It is clear from Enbridge’s letter that the answer is yes, and therefore we do not believe an order from the OEB is necessary under Rule 11.01(b).

However, we also wish to comment on Enbridge’s misunderstanding in its letter that “ED has concerns if this senior advisor role does not advocate or support electrification of buildings in his/her communications both internally and externally.” Environmental Defence’s concern is that Enbridge is using ratepayer-funded DSM budget to lobby municipalities to include the continued use of natural gas in their energy plans. Our letter stated as follows:

According to the posting, this senior advisor is required to “[a]dvocate for the continued use of natural gas and its role as a low carbon option in the development of Municipal Energy Plans.” It appears that this advisor is required, in essence, to lobby municipalities to include the continued use of natural gas in their energy plans.

We will elaborate on this concern and the requests flowing from it in our submissions.

Yours truly,



Kent Elson

cc: Parties to the above proceeding