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Ms. Nancy Marconi
Registrar
Ontario Energy Board
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DELIVERED BY EMAIL

Dear Ms. Marconi

RE: EB-2022-0157-Leave to Construct Application- Panhandle Regional Expansion Project-Enbridge Gas Inc.

We are writing on behalf of the Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers ("OGVG") regarding the referenced Application to request intervenor status in the proceeding. We apologize for the late filing of the intervention request; while OGVG has been provided direct notice of other Enbridge related proceedings that have been recently filed (i.e. EB-2022-0110 and EB-2022-0133) it does not appear that we received direct notice of the EB-2022-0157 filing and we did not become aware of the filing of the application until today. Accordingly, we respectfully ask that the Ontario Energy Board accept the late filing of OGVG's application for intervenor status; we note that the filing is only one day past the posted deadline such that we do not anticipate that any substantial steps in the application process will be prejudiced because of our late filing.

The Ontario greenhouse vegetable sector is a major contributor to the Ontario economy, generating over \$820 million in farm gate receipts and accounting for approximately 10,000 jobs annually. OGVG, as an organization, represents over 200 greenhouse pepper, tomato, and cucumber growers in the province. Given the nature of greenhouse production systems, OGVG members are heavily reliant on energy, particularly natural gas. Over one third of greenhouse production costs are energy-related and as such rate increases and pricing adjustments serve to threaten the global competitiveness of the sector.

The Ontario greenhouse sector is growing. In fact, in evidence filed by Union Gas in its 2013 rate case, the greenhouse sector was shown to be the fastest growing sector of Union's business markets exhibiting a doubling of volume between the 2007 Board-approved and the 2013 Forecast volumes. OGVG members' natural gas consumption is

important to Enbridge Gas Inc. (“EGI”) and greenhouse production in general is important to the Ontario economy.

With respect to this application, OGVG’s members exist primarily in the franchise areas that the proposed Panhandle Regional Expansion Project is intended to serve, and greenhouse operations are one of the specific customer groups the EGI cites as a driver for the additional capacity to be provided by the proposed project. Accordingly, OGVG members have not only a substantial interest in the economics of the proposed project as customers of EGI generally, but also a direct interest in ensuring that their natural gas requirements have been properly identified and that the proposed project is the appropriate measure to address those needs.

As a not-for-profit organization, OGVG does not have other funding sources to ensure experienced representation to participate in and assist the Board with these regulatory proceedings. Therefore, OGVG would respectfully request a determination of eligibility for cost award in this consultation. OGVG retains professionals who have experience representing intervenor interests and, OGVG respectfully submits, have assisted the Board in previous proceedings in an efficient and responsible manner.

REPRESENTATION

If the intervention requested is granted, OGVG asks that further communications (in electronic form only) with respect to this matter be sent to the following:

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If any further information is required, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Buonaguro', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michael R. Buonaguro