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Ms. Nancy Marconi Registrar Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319 26th Floor 2300 Yonge Street Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Marconi

DELIVERED BY EMAIL

RE: EB-2022-0133-Enbridge Gas Inc.-2023 Rate Setting Application

We are writing on behalf of the Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers ("OGVG") regarding the referenced Application to request intervenor status in the proceeding.

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 will be affected by the requested relief and continue to have an interest in the proper administration and calculation of the proposed natural gas related rates in accordance with the Board approved rate setting framework, particularly within the Union Gas rate zones, as well as a direct interest in other relief requested by Enbridge Gas Inc.

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,

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