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Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor 2300 Younge Street Toronto, Ontario M4P 1E4 Email: registrar@oeb.ca

Dear Sir/Madam:

RE:

Enbridge Gas Inc.

OEB File No.- EB-2022-01572217

I previously notified the Board that I represent Courey Corporation, Middle Road Farms Limited, and Girard Thibodeau. The two corporations are related corporations, and I am the president of both. Girard Thibodeau is an arms-length client of my law office. In effect, the two corporations are self-represented.

Due to some personal circumstances and some changes in my office environment, I have not been kept up to date on the communications from the Board. Specifically, I was not aware of the Procedural Order Number 1, nor the Notice of Hearing. I do not suggest that the Board did not send that material, only that I have just seen it.

I have retained Mr. David A. McLean, a now retired engineer with many years of experience at Union Gas Limited. He is familiar with the process of this nature and will be an expert witness. He will, together with his subconsultant, give evidence as to the transportation of natural gas and whether this project need necessarily be extended as far west as it is proposed, given that the twinning of the existing pipeline will terminate at the property of the two corporations.

Mr. Thibodeau's case is different. In his case, Enbridge will disrupt a parcel of farmland to the degree that it may no longer be viable for agriculture. Mr. Thibodeau can give testimony to that effect. A soil scientist may also be required, although not yet retained.

I see the need for specialized counsel and have had the file with a lawyer for the past week or so to determine whether he can take it on. I expect that decision imminently.

Once there is counsel in place, I will become a witness for the two corporations. That will be with respect to agricultural issues generally, and land drainage in particular. I believe that I qualify as an expert witness in those subjects.

Apparently having missed earlier deadlines to apply for an intervener funding, I ask the Board or will file a Motion to do so if necessary, for an extension of time to October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022, to cure the defaults. If a Motion is required, please advise as soon as possible.

Thank you for your consideration and I sincerely apologize for the oversight on my part, caused by some extraordinary circumstances. I do not believe that Enbridge or the other parties would be prejudiced in any way by their requests herein.

Yours truly,

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