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Dear Mr. McMahon:

**Re: Enbridge Gas Inc.
Application for a municipal franchise agreement with the County of Essex
Ontario Energy Board File Number: EB-2022-0207**

Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) applied to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on July 13, 2022, seeking orders under sections 9(4) and 10 of the *Municipal Franchises Act* for approval of a natural gas franchise agreement with the County of Essex (County).

Enbridge Gas filed interrogatory responses on October 4, 2022, in accordance with Procedural Order No.1.

“Exhibit B. Essex.1” was filed with the interrogatory responses and consists of a map that identifies Enbridge Gas’s pipelines in the County. Enbridge Gas has requested confidential treatment for the map, pursuant to the OEB’s [Practice Direction on Confidential Filings](#) and cited the grounds for the confidential treatment of the exhibit being that the information contains sensitive information from public safety and system security perspectives.

While the OEB’s general policy on requests for confidentiality (as stated in its [Practice Direction on Confidential Filings](#)) is that all evidence should be on the public record, the OEB has also recognized that some information may be of a confidential nature and should be protected. The onus is on the applicant requesting confidentiality to demonstrate why confidentiality is appropriate. The OEB requires further information about the confidentiality request for “Exhibit B. Essex.1”.

- a) Is the mapping information contained in Exhibit B. Essex.1 available to, and/or accessible by, the public and under what circumstances?
- b) Has the mapping information in Exhibit B. Essex.1 or information of similar detail and resolution been disclosed on the public record in other Enbridge Gas proceedings?
- c) In the event that maps similar to Exhibit B. Essex.1 are publicly available, why is there a need for the OEB to grant confidentiality in this proceeding?

Please submit a response to this letter by **November 11, 2022**. The OEB will consider the information provided by Enbridge Gas in its determination on the request for confidential treatment of Exhibit B. Essex.1.

Please direct any questions relating to this application to the Case Manager, Natalya Plummer at Natalya.Plummer@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, Richard Lanni at Richard.Lanni@oeb.ca.

Yours truly,

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Registrar