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VIA EMAIL and RESS

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Nancy Marconi
Registrar
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street, Suite 2700
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Dear Nancy Marconi:

**Re: Enbridge Gas Inc. (“Enbridge Gas” or “the Company”)
Ontario Energy Board (“OEB”) File No. EB-2022-0157
Panhandle Regional Expansion Project (“the Project”)
Request for Abeyance**

This letter is to advise that, due to unexpected circumstances, Enbridge Gas is not in a position to proceed with the filing of its Argument-in-Chief today, Monday December 5, 2022, and to request that the OEB place the application in abeyance.

Very recently, Enbridge Gas received new cost information through a competitive procurement process that it has been undertaking in parallel with the application, in anticipation of the future construction of the proposed Project. Based on that new information, Enbridge Gas has identified potentially material increases to certain components of the estimated Project cost. Enbridge Gas is in the process of assessing this new cost information and its implications for the application and the evidence that is currently before the OEB. Consistent with Section 11 of the OEB’s *Rules of Practice and Procedure*, Enbridge Gas believes there will likely be a need to file new information and/or amendments to the evidentiary record based on the new Project cost information in advance of the argument phase of the above noted proceeding.

Enbridge Gas requests that the OEB place the application in abeyance and expects to provide updated information no later than mid-February 2023. Enbridge Gas expects that this will provide it with the time needed to fully assess the new information and its impacts on the evidentiary record, as well as to prepare and file any new information and/or amendments that may be required. If Enbridge Gas determines that additional time is needed, it will advise the OEB and parties at the earliest opportunity. Since the argument phase of the proceeding has not yet commenced, the request has limited prejudice on the other parties.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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Intervenors (EB-2022-0157)