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VIA E-MAIL

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Ontario Energy Board
Attn: Ms. N. Marconi, Board Registrar
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27th Floor, 2300 Yonge Street
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**RE: EB-2022-0200 - OPI Request for Intervenor Status - Enbridge Gas Inc. 2024-2028
Natural Gas Distribution Rates**

Statement of Interest

Founded in 1963, OPI is a non-profit industry association which represents explorationists, producers, contractors, geologists, petroleum engineers and other professionals, individuals or companies directly related to the oil and gas, hydrocarbon storage and solution-mining industries of Ontario.

The fundamental objectives of the Institute are:

- to encourage responsible exploration of the oil, gas, hydrocarbon storage and solution-mining industries of Ontario
- to maintain close liaison with government agencies which regulate the industry
- to disseminate information relevant to member needs
- to promote the legislative goals of the membership
- to inform and educate the general public on the significance of the industry to the province of Ontario

It's generally understood that 50% of the potentially recoverable natural gas remains to be developed. Ontario currently imports the majority of its energy supply for power and transportation. Increasing this supply from the province's own natural resources enhances the security of that supply and contributes to the economic well-being through the jobs created and the services and supplies purchased in towns, cities and municipalities across Ontario.

OPI appreciates that the Board is currently addressing its members' primary concerns. At the same time, OPI recognizes that OPI members are impacted by Enbridge rates (e.g., M13) and by the utility's distribution infrastructure. OPI would like to request intervenor status in EB-2022-0203. We understand that the intervention deadline has passed for the above noted proceeding. An email stating that OPI would like to intervene in the proceeding was sent to the OEB registrar

on October 17th, 2022, however upon review of documents we note a formal intervention request was not delivered by the OPI. We apologize for this oversight and would now formally like to request intervention status.

OPI's Intended Participation

OPI intends to participate in any pre-hearing procedures, including interrogatories or technical conferences, and settlement conferences. As a late intervenor the OPI accepts the record and if OPI's intervention request is granted, OPI will not be requesting an award of costs for any of its participation in this proceeding. OPI also intends to participate in any oral hearings of this matter, and in written or oral submissions, as determined by the Board.

Representation

If the intervention requested is granted, then OPI asks that further communications with respect to this matter be sent to the following:

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Respectfully submitted,