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Hidden Valley Community Expansion Leave to Construct

\*Need for Enbridge to demonstrate how it has responded to First Nations concerns in accordance with Enbridge's delegation from the Ministry of Energy.

Most communications are documented by introductory emails, with no specific commitments to make any accommodations to First Nations concerns. For example, Curve Lake First Nations,(ExhibitH,tab1,Schedule1,pp49-82)lists

concerns and recommendations, including request for their representatives at site preparations and participation in evaluation of cumulative effects.

Enbridge's application does not include documentation of any commitment to action in response to any expressed concern or question.

\*Promotion/ support of Energy Efficiency vs \$331 annual savings per residence from Natural Gas Expansion costing \$3.5 million.

Costs are now estimated at \$3.5 million, well beyond the approved NGEP maximum \$1,899,859 for this project. (Exhibit E,tab1, schedule1,p1 and p3)To serve 110 residences. Enbridge's Forum Research's survey reports a weighted average of savings of \$331 annually per new customer. (ExhibitB,Tab1,Schedule1, p5) The survey also shows a significant interest in respondents to learn more about heat

pumps.(ExhibitB,Schedule,Attachment3,p4,tables4,5) Residents would benefit more from energy efficiency retrofits supported by the project's public funds, while decreasing greenhouse gases vs this disruptive pipeline expansion which will increase dependence on natural gas, a methane source, and a potent climate change accelerator.

The increasing costs of this expansion project outweigh the benefits to this resort community.

Thanks for your consideration.

-- Receive a copy of the decision? -- Yes

-- Attachment --