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BY EMAIL

March 14, 2023

Mr. Jason Sau Specialist, Finance and Accounting Independent Electricity System Operator 120 Adelaide Street West, Suite 1600 Toronto, ON M5H 1T1

Dear Mr. Sau:

Re: **Projects to Expand Access to Natural Gas Distribution (Phase 2)** Confirmation of projects with required OEB approvals, Q1 2023

I am writing in relation to section 36.2 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* and Ontario Regulation 24/19 (Expansion Funding Regulation), as amended by Ontario Regulation 36/23 effective March 10, 2023.

Section 7 of the Expansion Funding Regulation contemplates that the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will provide the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) with confirmation once the necessary OEB approvals referred to in section 2(1)(b) of the Expansion Funding Regulation have been obtained in relation to a gas expansion project covered by that Regulation. Section 2(1)(b) refers to "all necessary approvals from the [OEB] to authorize the expansion of a natural gas distribution system", which means any one or more of the following approvals as may be applicable to a given project:

- A Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity under section 8 of the *Municipal Franchises Act*
- A Municipal Franchise Agreement under section 9 of the *Municipal Franchises Act*
- Leave to construct under section 96 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* further to an application under section 90

By this letter, the OEB is confirming that, to the extent that they were required, all such approvals have been obtained in respect of the following project being developed by Enbridge Gas Inc. and listed in <u>Schedule 2 of the Expansion Funding Regulation</u>:

 Hamilton Airport Regional Expansion (Economic Development) Project (Item 13 of Schedule 2) as amended by Ontario Regulation 36/23

Any questions relating to this letter should be directed to Lawrie Gluck, Manager, Natural Gas Applications, at <u>Lawrie.Gluck@oeb.ca</u> or at 416-440-7678. The OEB's toll-free number is 1-888-632-6273.

Yours truly,

Lawrie Gluck Manager, Natural Gas Applications

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