

April 24, 2023

Ms. Nancy Marconi  
Registrar  
Ontario Energy Board  
2300 Yonge Street, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Marconi:

**Re: Enbridge Gas Inc.  
Application for Renewal of Franchise Agreement  
Township Havelock-Belmont-Methuen  
Ontario Energy Board File No. EB-2023-0123**

Further to the April 24, 2023 request of Ontario Energy Board staff, I can confirm that the documents filed in support of Enbridge Gas' above-noted application do not include any personal information (as that phrase is defined in the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*) that is not otherwise redacted in accordance with rule 9A of the Ontario Energy Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Regarding the redactions contained in the application submitted for the public record, these redactions relate to original signatures that are contained within the bylaw, resolution and franchise agreement documents (both current and historical as applicable) that have been included in the application. These original signatures have been redacted from the public version of the application to avoid the potential for identify theft and other unauthorized uses of the signatures contained within these documents.

While the position and contact information for representatives of the municipality and Enbridge Gas that is contained within Enbridge Gas' franchise agreement applications are personal information that is exempt per the business identity provisions under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, in the past, some municipalities have expressed concern with original signatures being submitted to the public record maintained by the OEB. Based on previous discussions with OEB Staff and options identified at that time, Enbridge Gas' preference is to redact original signatures from documents like bylaws, resolutions, etc. contained within franchise agreement applications that will be put on the public record to avoid any potential privacy or identity theft issues.

Enbridge Gas does not believe that redacting original signatures from these documents has any impact on the public's ability to understand the intent of the application and form an opinion on the application.

Enbridge Gas' preference is to continue to provide documents with original signatures in a confidential and password-protected format for the OEB's internal records only.

Should you have any questions on this submission, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

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