

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

**Enbridge Gas Inc.
2024 Rebasing**

**POLLUTION PROBE INTERROGATORIES
To
IGUA (Dr. Asa S. Hopkins)**

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Reference: “Require EGI to conduct a detailed business analysis, along the lines of the illustrative examples I provide in my testimony, following the publication of Ontario’s ongoing pathways study and the conclusions of the Electrification and Energy Transition Panel, to inform its capital and operational plans.” [IGUA_IntrvEVD_Exh M8_Asa Hopkins_EGI Rebasing_20230511, Page 6]

Enbridge analysis and related evidence in the Rebasing application was not done in partnership or collaboration with other relevant stakeholders (e.g. IESO). The studies put forward were not peer reviewed or open for stakeholder comments, which has led to significant gaps and updates required. For example, the Guidehouse Net Zero study is on its third publication in less than a year resulting in over \$140 billion in corrections to the modeling and related report. What process would you recommend to the OEB to enhance the value and credibility of the analysis if the OEB adopts the recommendation for EGI to conduct additional analysis as outlined above?

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The OEB has enabled Enbridge to put forward alternative investments or Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) alternatives [Reference: EB-2020-0091 Decision and related IRP Framework] that would earn shareholder profit and could be capitalized in a manner similar to utility natural gas capital assets. This provides an option for Enbridge to mitigate investment risk for natural gas assets if it were a valid concern. The lack of use for this tool suggests that Enbridge still prefers investing in traditional natural gas assets to alternatives that do not use natural gas.

- a) Please provide any comments on this tool that the OEB has already provided Enbridge and how it could be used to mitigate future asset risk should it become any risk become relevant.
- b) Please provide any comments on the responsibility for Enbridge to use those tools (e.g. IRP alternatives) to mitigate risks if they are truly concerned about non-recovery of stranded natural gas assets.