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Ms. Nancy Marconi
Registrar
Ontario Energy Board
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DELIVERED BY EMAIL

Dear Ms. Marconi,

**RE: EB-2023-0062 - Enbridge Gas Inc. - 2021 DSM Deferral and Variance
Account Disposition Application**

We are writing on behalf of the Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers ("OGVG") regarding the referenced Application to request intervenor status in the proceeding.

The Ontario greenhouse vegetable sector is a major contributor to the Ontario economy, generating over \$820 million in farm gate receipts and accounting for approximately 10,000 jobs annually. OGVG, as an organization, represents over 200 greenhouse pepper, tomato, and cucumber growers in the province. Given the nature of greenhouse production systems, OGVG members are heavily reliant on energy, particularly natural gas. Over one third of greenhouse production costs are energy-related and as such rate increases and pricing adjustments serve to threaten the global competitiveness of the sector.

The Ontario greenhouse sector is growing. In fact, in evidence filed by Union Gas in its 2013 rate case, the greenhouse sector was shown to be the fastest growing sector of Union's business markets exhibiting a doubling of volume between the 2007 Board-approved and the 2013 Forecast volumes. In its recent application to increase the capacity on its Panhandle System EGI notes the continued growth of greenhouse related load on its system, with EGI forecasting that by the winter of 2030/31 40% of the total firm demand in the Panhandle System Market will be from greenhouses (EB-2022-0200, Exhibit I.APPrO.6). OGVG members' natural gas consumption is important to Enbridge Gas Inc. ("EGI") and greenhouse production in general is important to the Ontario economy.

With respect to this proceeding, OGVG's members are directly interested in all aspects of the application. Greenhouse operations are critically reliant on reliable access to sources of energy to maintain their crops throughout the year, and in particular access to natural gas provides greenhouse operators access to not only a heating fuel, but also a reliable and efficient source of carbon dioxide. Specific to this application, OGVG's members continue to be interested in the efficient delivery of DSM programming to its members, with a particular interest in ensuring that EGI continues to make programming available to as many of its members as possible.

As a not-for-profit organization, OGVG does not have other funding sources to ensure experienced representation to participate in and assist the Board with these regulatory proceedings. Therefore, OGVG would respectfully request a determination of eligibility for cost award in this consultation. OGVG retains professionals who have experience representing intervenor interests and, OGVG respectfully submits, have assisted the Board in previous proceedings in an efficient and responsible manner.

OGVG notes that it proposes to participate in all aspects of the application process.

REPRESENTATION

If the intervention requested is granted, OGVG asks that further communications (in electronic form only) with respect to this matter be sent to the following:

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If any further information is required, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'M. Buonaguro', with a stylized, cursive script.

Michael R. Buonaguro