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Brittany Zimmer
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Dear Ms. Zimmer:

**Re: Enbridge Gas Inc.
Hidden Valley Community Expansion Project
Ontario Energy Board File Number: EB-2022-0249**

Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) filed applications with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) under section 90 and 97 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B), for orders granting leave to construct the following applications:

- Selwyn Pipeline Community Expansion Project, EB-2022-0156
- Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte and Shannonville Community Expansion Project, EB-2022-0248
- Hidden Valley Community Expansion Project, EB- 2022-0249

On March 9, 2023, Environmental Defence sought leave to file evidence in these proceedings on the cost-effectiveness of heat pumps in the communities that are the subject of these applications. The OEB denied this request. On April 25, 2023, Environmental Defence filed a Notice of Motion to review (Motion) this decision. Environmental Defence requested that the Motion be held in abeyance pending the conclusion of the discovery process, on the basis that the discovery process might provide evidence similar to the evidence that Environmental Defence has proposed to file. On June 28, 2023, the OEB issued Procedural Order No. 3, which set out a schedule for final argument. On June 30, 2023, Environmental Defence noted that the discovery process had concluded and asked that its Motion be adjudicated.

Parties are hereby advised that the OEB is suspending the dates for final argument established in Procedural Order No. 3 pending further direction with respect to the consideration of the Motion. In accordance with the OEB's [Protocol for Adjusting Adjudicative Timelines](#), the OEB is placing the proceeding in abeyance as of June 30, 2023. Further direction will be provided in due course.

Please direct any questions relating to this application to the Case Manager, Petar Prazic, at 416-440-7682 or Petar.Prazic@oeb.ca.

Yours truly,

Nancy Marconi
Registrar

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All parties in EB-2022-0249