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Dear Sir/Madames:

RE: File EB-2022-0157 and EB-2022-0285

In accordance with the Ontario Energy Board *Rules of Practice and Procedure*, we as the representatives of intervenors, Courey Corporation and Middle Road Farms Limited, write to request that the hearing to decide Enbridge Gas' entitlement to have early access to one or more properties be conducted orally.

In the first instance, intervenors Courey Corporation and Middle Road Farms Limited have questioned the need for the proposed pipeline route and in this regard, have obtained intervenor status. As of the date of this correspondence, there has been no determination as to the acceptability of the proposed route. Early access is an issue of great importance to our clients as it may significantly disrupt ongoing farming operations. Should the proposed route ultimately be determined such that our clients' property is not necessary, early access causes what will ultimately be an unnecessary interruption.

Furthermore, evidence as to the nature and extent of disruption is an evolving matter that will depend in large part on the evidence to be provided by Enbridge Gas Inc. at the hearing. The affected intervenors require the opportunity to make their own specific requests of Enbridge Gas Inc. as to the details not otherwise disclosed in writing as to what will be involved in the early access activity.

Yours truly, Legal Focus LLP

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