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VIA EMAIL and RESS

Nancy Marconi
Registrar
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor
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Dear Nancy Marconi:

**Re: Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas)
Ontario Energy Board (OEB) File: EB-2022-0249
Hidden Valley Community Expansion Project
Evidence Update**

In the evidence filed on December 20, 2022, Enbridge Gas explained that the Ministry of Energy ("ENERGY") had delegated the procedural aspects of consultation with potentially impacted Indigenous communities to Enbridge Gas.

The OEB's Environmental Guidelines for the Location, Construction and Operation of Hydrocarbon Pipelines and Facilities in Ontario, 7th Edition, 2016 ("Guidelines") state "...the Ministry of Energy will provide a letter to the applicant expressing its view on the adequacy of the Indigenous consultation based on materials provided to the Ministry of Energy." The Guidelines further state, "...the applicant is expected to file with the OEB the letter from the Ministry of Energy and keep the summary of the consultation record up to date until the OEB renders its decision." Exhibit H, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Attachment 3 of Enbridge Gas's pre-filed evidence explained that the Company would file ENERGY's letter of opinion regarding the sufficiency of consultation once it had been received.

Further to the evidence filed by Enbridge Gas on December 20, 2022, please find enclosed a letter of opinion from ENERGY dated August 8, 2023. In the letter, ENERGY confirms its opinion that the procedural aspects of consultation undertaken by Enbridge Gas to date for the Hidden Valley Community Expansion Project are satisfactory.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

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