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VIA EMAIL

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Re: Letter of Opinion – Hidden Valley Community Expansion Project

Dear Mr. Tomek,

The Ontario Ministry of Energy (ENERGY) has completed its review of the consultation undertaken by Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge) with Indigenous communities for the Hidden Valley Community Expansion Project (the Project).

ENERGY has reviewed the information provided by Enbridge as well as materials filed with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB). ENERGY also engaged with Indigenous communities to understand any concerns about potential impacts to Aboriginal and treaty rights from the project as well as community feedback about satisfaction with Enbridge's response or proposed mitigation, where appropriate.

This letter is to notify you that, based on this review of materials and our outreach to Indigenous communities, ENERGY is of the opinion that the procedural aspects of consultation undertaken by Enbridge to-date for the purposes of the Ontario Energy Board's Leave to Construct for the Project are satisfactory.

It is expected that Enbridge will continue its consultation activities with the Indigenous communities throughout the life of the project, and that Enbridge will notify ENERGY should any rights-based concerns/issues arise.

If you have any questions about this letter or require any additional information, please contact me at 416-315-8641 or amy.gibson@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amy Gibson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Amy Gibson, Manager
Indigenous Energy Policy, Ontario Ministry of Energy

c: Ontario Energy Board
Ontario Pipeline Coordinating Committee