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Haris Ginis Technical Manager, Regulatory Applications Enbridge Gas Inc. P. O. Box 2001 50 Keil Drive North, Chatham, ON N7M 5M1 haris.ginis@enbridge.com

Dear Haris Ginis:

Re: Enbridge Gas Inc. Panhandle Regional Expansion Project – Early Access Ontario Energy Board File Number: EB-2022-0285 Request for Abeyance

On August 25, 2023, Enbridge Gas requested that the OEB place the Panhandle Regional Expansion Project Early Access proceeding (Early Access proceeding) in abeyance.

Enbridge Gas explained that access to the properties subject to the Early Access Application is no longer needed by October 1, 2023. Early access by October 1, 2023 was needed to obtain permits from the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) to allow construction to start in Q1 2024. Enbridge Gas's communication with the MECP, subsequent to the filing of the Early Access Application, established that early access is no longer required by October 1, 2023 in order to maintain its schedule for commencing construction.

Enbridge Gas requested that the proceeding be held in abeyance at this time and resumed if the approval of the Panhandle Regional Expansion leave to construct application¹ is delayed.

¹ EB-2022-0157

The OEB approves Enbridge Gas's request to place the application in abeyance. Enbridge Gas is required to file a status update no later than **December 31, 2023**.

The dates set out in Procedural Order No. 1 are cancelled.

Please direct any questions relating to this application to the Case Manager, Zora Crnojacki, at 416-440-8104 or <u>Zora.Crnojacki@oeb.ca</u>.

Yours truly,

Nancy Marconi Registrar

c: <u>EGIRegulatoryProceedings@enbridge.com</u> Jonathan Meyers, Legal Counsel to EGI, TORYS LLP All parties in EB-2022-0285