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Ms. Nancy Marconi  
Ontario Energy Board  
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor  
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Marconi:

**Re: Enbridge Gas Inc. (“EGI”) Panhandle Regional Expansion Project (EB-2022-0157) (“Proceeding”)  
Association of Power Producers of Ontario (“APPrO”) Submission on Oral  
Hearing Issues and Format**

We represent APPrO in relation to the above-noted Proceeding. On August 12, 2023, the Ontario Energy Board (“OEB”) issued Procedural Order No. 1 and referred to the OEB’s standard Issues List for natural gas leave to construct applications in respect of this Proceeding. On August 25, 2023, the OEB issued a letter advising parties that the OEB is now proposing an oral hearing, following the written discovery process, in place of the currently planned technical conference. The OEB invited parties to file submissions on the issues proposed to be addressed in an oral hearing and the format in which an oral hearing might take place.

Provided that discovery is focused only on the updated evidence, APPrO supports the OEB’s proposal to have the issues of:

- project need, alternatives and cost and economics, including the applicability of EBO 134 and EBO 188, heard by way of oral hearing. APPrO requests that the oral hearing be conducted in-person; and
- environmental impacts, landowner matters, and Indigenous consultation addressed by way of written process.

APPrO notes that there is a seventh issue of “conditions of approval” under the OEB’s standard Issues List for natural gas leave to construct applications. APPrO submits that this issue be addressed by way of written process.

APPrO is of the view that it is premature to provide submissions on the economics of or appropriateness of contributions in aid of construction for the proposed project. However, APPrO

notes that the proposed project: (i) does not have customers directly connecting to the pipeline; (ii) will improve the reliability of service for existing customers; (iii) will allow for growth from existing and new customers; (iv) provides Enbridge Gas's ratepayers access to multiple sources of economic natural gas supply to lower and stabilize natural gas prices via competition; and (v) benefits all customers within the Panhandle Market, rather than individual or specific customers.<sup>1</sup>

Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

Yours truly,

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<sup>1</sup> Exhibit JT1.3; Exhibit A Tab 4 Schedule 1 Page 6 of 7.