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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. Bobcaygeon Community Expansion Project Ontario Energy Board File Number: EB-2022-0111 Abeyance of Proceeding

This letter is to advise that the OEB is placing this proceeding in abeyance, effective October 11, 2023, pending the OEB's determination on a motion to review filed by Environmental Defence (EB-2023-0313).

On September 27, 2023, Environmental Defence filed a motion to review the OEB's decisions (relating to the admissibility of intervenor evidence and merits) in the following proceedings (Motion to Review):

- EB-2022-0156 (Selwyn Community Expansion Project)
- EB-2022-0248 (Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte and Shannonville Community Expansion Project)
- EB-2022-0249 (Hidden Valley Community Expansion Project)<sup>1</sup>

In the OEB's view, the matters cited in the Motion to Review raise issues that are relevant to this proceeding. The OEB notes that Environmental Defence requested approval to file evidence in this proceeding<sup>2</sup> the nature of which is highly similar to the evidence that it sought to file in the above-noted proceedings. Environmental Defence's

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> EB-2023-0313, Amended Notice of Motion, September 27, 2023

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Environmental Defence, Evidence Proposal Letter, June 21, 2022

request to file evidence in the above-noted proceedings was denied and its Motion to Review, amongst other things, seeks an order cancelling those decisions and allowing the filing of its proposed evidence. Therefore, from the perspective of adjudicative efficiency, the OEB finds it prudent to provide directions on the next steps in this proceeding after the OEB has considered the Motion to Review.

The OEB will advise parties when it resumes its review of the application.

Please direct any questions relating to this application to the Case Manager, Judith Fernandes, at 416-440-7638 or <u>Judith.Fernandes@oeb.ca</u>.

Yours truly,

Nancy Marconi Registrar

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