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VIA RESS AND EMAIL

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

Re: Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas, or the Company)
EB-2022-0200 – 2024 Rebasing – Phase 1 Decision and Timing

Enbridge Gas filed its 2024 Rates Application and the majority of its supporting evidence on October 31, 2022 and the balance of its evidence on November 30, 2022. In this Application, Enbridge Gas requests approval of rates for the sale, distribution, transmission, and storage of gas commencing January 1, 2024. Enbridge Gas also applies for approval of an incentive rate-making mechanism (IRM) for the years from 2025 to 2028.

The hearing process for Phase 1 of the proceeding is now complete. In its letter dated October 4, 2023, the OEB indicated that it expects that the Phase 1 Decision will be issued by the end of 2023.

The OEB has recently provided notice that it will be observing a holiday timeout period for the 2023-2024 fiscal year from December 16, 2023, to January 7, 2024. The OEB indicated that during this period, the OEB will generally avoid issuing decisions and documents that require immediate action from recipients.

Enbridge Gas writes to request that if the Phase 1 Decision is issued in December 2023, then any timelines associated with implementation and/or review of the Phase 1 Decision be suspended during the OEB's holiday timeout period. For example, if the Phase 1 Decision is released on December 21, 2023, then any related timelines or deadlines under the Rules would be suspended until January 8, 2024, such that a 20 day deadline from a December 21st decision date would run until January 27, 2024.

Without having seen the Phase 1 Decision, Enbridge Gas does not know whether this accommodation will be needed. However, the Company is concerned that it will not have time to review the Phase 1 Decision and determine what immediate actions (including potentially a Review Motion under Rule 42 of the OEB's *Rules of Practice and Procedure*) are necessary until after the OEB has already begun its holiday timeout period. It is for this reason, and recognizing that Enbridge Gas staff are planning to take

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their own holiday break, that Enbridge Gas writes now to request the timing accommodation or extension requested in this letter. Enbridge Gas understands that the OEB has accommodated similar advance requests in the past.

Please let us know if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

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