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## VIA RESS AND EMAIL

Nancy Marconi Registrar Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Nancy Marconi:

## Re: Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas, or the Company) EB-2022-0200 – 2024 Rebasing – ED Correspondence

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, with intervenor submissions filed on September 19, 2023 and Enbridge Gas's reply submission filed October 11, 2023. 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.

Late on December 14, 2023, Environmental Defence (ED) filed a letter with the OEB attaching a recent Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities decision, D.P.U. 20-80-B. ED states it is merely bringing the decision to the OEB's attention.

Enbridge Gas does not believe that it was appropriate for ED to file the new December 2023 decision from the Massachusetts DPU for the OEB's consideration in this proceeding. The underlying investigatory proceeding from Massachusetts was not a subject of any detailed evidence or submissions in this Enbridge Gas proceeding. And the decision itself was not available until well after the close of argument in this proceeding. Enbridge Gas submits that it is appropriate for the OEB to disregard ED's filing. While it is fair for parties to file evidence, and then submissions, about the Massachusetts DPU decision in future proceedings, it is too late to do so in the almost-complete Phase 1 of this Rebasing Case.

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Please let us know if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

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