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Dear Ms. Marconi:

**Re: EB-2022-0094: Ontario Energy Board Gas System Access Proceeding.**

**Industrial Gas Users Association (IGUA) Settlement Conference Participation.**

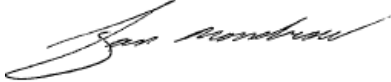
By letter dated November 20, 2023 we indicated IGUA's wish to participate in the settlement conference scheduled for January 9<sup>th</sup>. In our letter we indicated IGUA's wish to have access to a copy of EGI's initial draft connection procedure to enable us to better assess whether IGUA's interests are sufficiently served by waiting to provide any additional comments after the settlement process concludes or whether IGUA should seek to more actively participate in the settlement discussions.

IGUA's interest in this matter relates to two aspects of system access; (i) the steps and associated timelines attendant on a request for new or expanded connection to EGI's system; and (ii) contestability of associated connection work. Having reviewed and considered EGI's initial draft connection procedure, and some related correspondence by other parties regarding intended questions on that draft procedure, and on the understanding that EGI's proposal and the upcoming discussions at the settlement conference are intended to be specific to connection of Ontario gas producers, as distinct from load customers, we have confirmed instructions to withdraw from further settlement conference participation.

IGUA will consider any resulting settlement proposal and may provide additional comment after the settlement process concludes, as contemplated in P.O. No. 9 herein. We acknowledge that the draft connection procedures provided by EGI and all further material circulated by parties to the settlement

process are to be treated as subject to the confidentiality provisions of the Commission's *Practice Direction on Settlement Conferences*.

Yours truly,



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