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Ms. Nancy Marconi
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Dear Ms. Marconi:

**Re: Ontario Energy Board (OEB) Staff Submission on the Need for a Technical Conference
Enbridge Gas Inc. Eganville Community Expansion Project
OEB File Number: EB-2023-0201**

In accordance with Procedural Order No. 1, this is the submission of OEB staff regarding the need for a technical conference in the above noted proceeding. This letter has been forwarded to Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) and to all other registered parties in this proceeding.

On November 22, 2023, the OEB issued Procedural Order No. 1 setting out a schedule for the filing of interrogatories and interrogatory responses, and for submissions on the need for a technical conference. The OEB stated that it would make a determination on the requests for a technical conference after the responses to interrogatories were filed.

OEB staff and intervenors filed interrogatories by December 8, 2023. Enbridge Gas filed its interrogatory responses on January 12, 2024.

On December 14, 2023, Environmental Defence filed a letter with the OEB proposing:

- That the OEB consolidate the hearing of several natural gas expansion projects given the significant overlap in the issues and evidence for these projects and convene a joint technical conference for these projects¹
- To file new survey evidence with respect to the natural gas community expansion projects

On December 28, 2023, the OEB issued a letter seeking responses to certain questions regarding the evidence that Environmental Defence proposes to file. Environmental Defence filed responses to these questions on January 11, 2024. OEB staff understands that the OEB is considering the Environmental Defence request.

OEB staff has reviewed the responses to the interrogatories in the current (Eganville) proceeding and does not require further discovery through a technical conference on Enbridge Gas's evidence. However, in the event the OEB allows Environmental Defence to file evidence, OEB staff expects that discovery in respect of that evidence would be required, potentially including a technical conference.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours truly,

Catherine Nguyen
Case Manager

c: All Interested Parties in EB-2023-0201

¹ Specifically: Enbridge Gas Bobcaygeon (EB-2022-0111), EPCOR Brockton (EB-2022-0246), Enbridge Gas Sandford (EB-2023-0200), Enbridge Gas Eganville (EB-2023-0201), and Enbridge Gas Neustadt (EB-2023-0261)