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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 an Oral Hearing
Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas)
Panhandle Regional Expansion Project - Early Access Application
OEB File Number: EB-2022-0285**

In accordance with Procedural Order No. 2, this is the submission of OEB staff regarding the need for an oral hearing 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 January 8, 2024, the OEB issued Procedural Order No. 2 setting out a schedule for the filing of interrogatories, interrogatory responses and for submissions on the need for an oral hearing. The OEB stated that it would make a determination on the requests for an oral hearing after the responses to interrogatories were filed. Interrogatories were filed by OEB staff by January 15, 2024. Enbridge Gas filed its interrogatory responses on January 26, 2024.

OEB staff has reviewed the responses to the interrogatories in the Panhandle Regional Expansion Project Early Access Application proceeding and does not require further discovery through an oral hearing on Enbridge Gas's evidence.

Yours truly,

Senior Advisor, Natural Gas Applications

cc: All parties in EB-2022-0285