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OFFICE OF THE BOARD SECRETARY

September 28, 2009

Attention: Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor
P.O. Box 2319
Toronto, Ontario M4P 1E4

Dear Board Secretary:

**RE: Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. ("Enbridge")
Environmental and Socio-Economic Impact Assessment
EB-2009-0187 Pipeline to Serve the Proposed York Energy Centre**

Your file Votre référence

Our file Notre référence

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Thank you for your correspondence regarding the above mentioned projects. Indian and Northern Affairs Canada will not be providing a review of the proposed project; however, it is important to contact all potentially interested First Nation communities directly to invite them to participate in this review.

To assist with identifying First Nations and other Aboriginal groups within the vicinity of a specific proposed project, INAC Ontario Region - Environment can provide the following information sources:

- The Chiefs of Ontario website (<http://www.chiefs-of-ontario.org>) provides a directory of contact information for all First Nations and Chiefs, as well as a map of the locations of all Ontario First Nations.
- Natural Resources Canada produced provincial maps, showing all First Nation reserve lands, are available for purchase at:
http://cccm.nrcan.gc.ca/english/canada/lands/index_e.asp
- Natural Resources Canada's online *Historical Indian Treaties* map, showing historical First Nation treaties across Canada, is available at:
<http://atlas.nrcan.gc.ca/site/english/maps/historical/indiantreaties/historicaltreaties>

- A search by place name at the Canadian Geographical Names database (http://geonames.nrcan.gc.ca/search/search_e.php) will generate a map which shows any nearby Indian reserve lands in grey.
- The Métis Nation of Ontario (<http://www.metisnation.org/>) may be able to provide information regarding Métis interests with respect to a particular project.
- The Ontario Federation of Indian Friendship Centres website provides a list of all friendship centres in Ontario, at:
<http://www.ofifc.org/Centres/OfficeList.asp?Region='ON'>

For any enquiries regarding land claims in within the project area, please contact Lynn Bernard, Director General of the Comprehensive Claims Branch at (819) 994-7521; Ralph Brant, Director General of Specific Claims Branch at (819) 994-2323 and Franklin Roy, Director General of Litigation Management and Resolution Branch at (819) 997-3582.

Also, please review the *Environmental Assessment and Federal Coordination Standards* document included with this letter for the revised policy and standards associated with both provincial and federal environmental assessments.

Sincerely,



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To Whom It May Concern:

**RE: Environmental Assessment and Federal Coordination Standards
Indian and Northern Affairs Canada – Ontario Region**

The Ontario Region of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) has a 30 calendar day standard for responding to environmental assessment notifications, including federal coordination requests (FCRs) under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, as well as other environmental assessment correspondence relating to provincial and municipal undertakings. However, correspondence being directed to people who are no longer with the Department or who occupy a different position within the Department as well as misdirected mail can cause significant delays in this response time.

To resolve this issue, INAC has established a new procedure that we request your organization adopt when sending environmental assessment correspondence. All unsolicited correspondence concerning environmental assessment requests and notifications that are taking place within the Province of Ontario should be directed to:

Environment Unit
Re: Environmental Assessment Coordination
Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
25 St. Clair Avenue East, 8th Floor
Toronto, Ontario, M4T 1M2

INAC has also created a centralized email address where we accept FCRs and other environmental assessment notifications. This address is EACoordination_ON@inac-ainc.gc.ca.

Letters should be dated and project bulletins should have a covering page that includes the date and the intended recipient. Please keep in mind that just one letter should be sent to the Department regardless of geographical location of the project and that this letter should be addressed to the appropriate recipient mentioned above.

Also, please ensure that notifications are sent within a practicable time frame, particularly when involving invitation to public consultation events.

Questions or comments can be directed to Daniel Johnson at 416-973-5899 or via email at johnsonda@inac.gc.ca.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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