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Dear Ms. Calhoun:

**Re: Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas)
Application for Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) Pilot Projects
OEB File Number: EB-2022-0335
Request for Abeyance**

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) is in receipt of your letter dated February 29, 2024, requesting that the OEB continue to hold the IRP Pilot Projects proceeding in abeyance.

The application was originally put in abeyance effective November 10, 2023, pending the filing of Enbridge Gas's updated evidence and interrogatory responses, in response to NRCan's decision to close the application process for new entrants into the Greener Homes Grant program in Q1 2024. On December 21, 2023, Enbridge Gas filed its updated evidence.

On January 12, 2024, Enbridge Gas filed a letter requesting "that the OEB continue to hold the proceeding in abeyance to allow time for Enbridge Gas to assess the impacts (if any)" arising from the December 21, 2024, Decision and Order on Enbridge Gas's Rebasing (EB-2022-0200) Application on the IRP Pilot Projects application and evidence. In its letter, Enbridge Gas indicated that it would provide an update on the status of its assessment by the end of February. However, on February 29, 2024, Enbridge Gas filed a letter to the OEB requesting that the proceeding continue to be held in abeyance as Enbridge Gas expects to be able to provide an update on the IRP Pilot Projects application and evidence by April 30, 2024.

The IRP Framework established the OEB's expectation that IRP pilot projects would be selected and deployed by the end of 2022, to assist in understanding and evaluating how IRP can be implemented to avoid, delay, or reduce facility projects. The OEB is

concerned about further delays to the IRP Pilot Projects application. The OEB notes that two months have passed since Enbridge Gas first requested the proceeding continue to be put in abeyance to allow time to assess the impacts (if any) the Decision and Order from its Rebasing Application may have on the IRP Pilot Projects proceeding. Therefore, the OEB requests Enbridge Gas to explain what the issue is and what its plan is to move this proceeding forward by March 26, 2024.

Yours truly,

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Registrar

c: EB-2022-0335 Intervenors
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