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VIA RESS and EMAIL

March 13, 2024

Nancy Marconi Registrar Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor Toronto, Ontario M4P 1E4

Dear Nancy Marconi:

Re: EB-2024-0093 - Enbridge Gas Inc. - April 1, 2024

Quarterly Rate Adjustment Mechanism (QRAM) Application

On March 8, 2024, Enbridge Gas filed its April 1, 2024 QRAM application. Enbridge Gas received questions from Ontario Energy Board staff (OEB Staff). Enclosed please find the responses of Enbridge Gas to OEB Staff questions, set out as interrogatory responses.

Should you have any questions on this matter please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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cc: All Interested Parties EB-2008-0106, EB-2019-0137, EB-2023-0072,

& EB-2022-0133

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Answer to Interrogatory from Ontario Energy Board Staff (STAFF)

<u>Interrogatory</u>

Reference:

- (i) EB-2024-0093, Exhibit C, Tab 4, Schedule 10, page 6
- (ii) EB-2023-0330, Exhibit E, Tab 2, Schedule 4, page 1

Preamble:

OEB staff has calculated the annual bill impact of the rate riders expiring in the April 2024 QRAM that are associated with the recovery of amounts previously deferred for recovery as a rate mitigation measure.

For the EGD rate zone, using the unit rates at reference (i), OEB staff has calculated this bill impact for a typical residential customer to be a credit of **\$66.72**.

For the Union rates zones, using the unit rates at reference (ii), OEB staff has calculated this bill impact for a typical residential customer to be a credit of \$96.29 for Union South, a credit of \$95.69 for Union North East and a credit of \$79.18 for Union North West.

Question:

a) Please confirm whether OEB staff's calculations referenced above are correct. If not, please provide a breakdown of the correct calculations.

Response:

a) Confirmed, OEB staff's calculations are correct.

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Reference:

- (i) EB-2024-0093, Exhibit D, Tab 2, Schedule 1, page 1, para. 4 and Exhibit E, Tab 2, Schedule 1
- (ii) Heat Value Conversion Factor

Preamble:

In its application at reference (i), Enbridge Gas noted that the proposed April 1, 2024 prices reflect the heat value conversion factor of 39.17 GJ/103m³.

OEB staff notes that at reference (ii), the annual heat value effective April 1, 2024 is 39.09 GJ/103m3 for the South and 38.86 GJ/103m³ for the North.

Question:

- a) Please explain the discrepancy between the heat value conversion factor at reference (ii) and the one used in Enbridge Gas's application.
- b) Please advise whether the heat values for any rate zones should be updated in Enbridge Gas's application.

Response:

a) The heat value conversion factor at reference (ii) represents the harmonized methodology as proposed in Phase 1 of rebasing¹ whereas the heat values referenced in the April 1, 2024 QRAM application are based on the current approved methodology. The harmonized methodology received partial settlement² however, this has not been applied to the April 1, 2024 QRAM application as the Phase 1 Draft Rate Order has not received Board approval and has not yet been implemented into rates and billing. The proposed effective date of the Phase 1 Rate Order is May 1st, 2024. Enbridge Gas notes that the Enbridgegas.com website will be corrected to reflect the current approved heat value factors.

¹ EB-2022-0200 Exhibit 3, Tab 6, Schedule 1.

² EB-2022-0200 Exhibit O1, Tab 1, Schedule 1, p. 29.

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b) Enbridge Gas typically updates heat values in the April QRAM. Due to the timing of the Phase 1 Draft Rate Order, Enbridge Gas is proposing to update heat values in the QRAM subsequent to the Phase 1 approval, which is proposed to be effective on May 1st, 2024