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Dear Ms. Zimmer:

Re: Enbridge Gas Inc.

Sandford Community Expansion Project

Ontario Energy Board File Number: EB-2023-0200

On August 16, 2023, Enbridge Gas Inc. filed an application for leave to construct approximately 13 kilometres of natural gas pipeline and associated facilities in the Community of Sandford in the Township of Uxbridge. Enbridge Gas also applied for approval of the forms of easement agreements related to the construction of the project.

Enbridge Gas is also seeking approval to cancel and supersede the existing Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity held by Enbridge Gas for the former Town of Uxbridge, the former Township of Uxbridge and the former Township of Scott and replace them with a single Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct works to supply natural gas in the Township of Uxbridge.

On February 10, 2023, the Ministry of Energy issued a letter to Enbridge Gas identifying the Indigenous communities that Enbridge Gas should consult in relation to the project and delegated the procedural aspects of the Crown's duty to consult to Enbridge Gas. As of this date, Enbridge Gas has not filed with the OEB a letter of opinion from the Ministry regarding the adequacy of the Indigenous consultation undertaken by Enbridge Gas, as contemplated in the *Environmental Guidelines for the Location, Construction and Operation of Hydrocarbon Pipelines and Facilities in Ontario*.

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Pending the filing of the Ministry's letter of opinion, and in accordance with the OEB's <u>Protocol for Adjusting Adjudicative Timelines</u>, the OEB will place Enbridge Gas's application in abeyance as of June 17, 2024. The OEB will resume processing the application upon receipt of the Ministry's letter of opinion. The OEB anticipates that the letter of opinion will be completed and filed shortly. If there is a significant delay, the OEB will further consider how best to proceed with the processing of the application.

Please direct any questions relating to this application to the Case Manager, Kaidie Williams at Kaidie.Williams@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, James Sidlofsky@oeb.ca.

Yours truly,

Nancy Marconi Registrar

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