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Nancy Marconi
Registrar
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor
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Dear Ms. Marconi:

**Re: Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas)
2024 Rebasing Application, Phase 2
Expert Evidence of Pacific Economics Group Research LLC
Ontario Energy Board File Number: EB-2024-0111**

On August 13, 2024, OEB staff filed its expert evidence by the Pacific Economics Group Research LLC (PEG) which provides a review of Enbridge Gas's evidence and the evidence prepared by Enbridge Gas's expert, Black and Veatch, on the proposed price cap plan for 2025-2028, and includes PEG's recommendations on the appropriate inflation factor, productivity factor and stretch factor for Enbridge Gas's 2025-2028 price cap plan.

Further to the filing of PEG's report, attached is an excel file with the electronic version of the tables and figures from the report along with some other supporting information. OEB staff has filed a copy of the zipped file containing the working papers with the Registrar's office. These working papers support tables 3-8 from PEG's report.

Claim for Confidentiality of PEG's working papers

The analyses documented in PEG's evidence are the result of sophisticated econometric modelling of extensive data for Ontario and U.S. utilities and other economic, engineering and business environment data. The working papers, consisting of spreadsheet and data base files with the data used in the analyses, program code and other relevant documentation, are not being provided publicly. The working papers are underlying datasets and models of a consultant retained by OEB staff, a category of presumptively confidential material, as set out in Appendix B of the OEB's *Practice Direction on Confidential Filings*. OEB staff, working with PEG, is prepared to provide the working

papers. However, OEB staff is requesting confidential treatment for the working papers supporting the productivity and benchmarking work in their entirety, for the following reason:

- PEG's working papers contain data and program code that PEG has developed, or that PEG has acquired from commercial third-party vendors. The data and code may be under agreements for public non-disclosure and would have commercial value to economic consultants who are competitors to PEG.

OEB staff's request for confidentiality is consistent with the treatment afforded to working papers of PEG and other economic consultants in other proceedings.

In accordance with the OEB's Practice Direction on Confidential Filing, counsel and consultants to registered parties who file (or have filed) executed Declarations and Undertakings can request access to the working papers from the Registrar's office, who will provide the password to the file separately.

Any questions relating to this letter should be directed to Khalil Viraney, at 416-440-7729 or Khalil.Viraney@oeb.ca.

Yours truly,

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