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Nancy Marconi

Registrar

Ontario Energy Board

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Dear Ms. Marconi:

Re: EB-2023-0343 – Enbridge Gas – East Gwillimbury Gas Expansion Project

I am writing on behalf of Environmental Defence to request that the OEB issue a decision on Environmental Defence's request to submit evidence while the proceeding is in abeyance awaiting an update to Enbridge's evidence. If the OEB approves the evidence, that would provide more time to prepare the evidence and for interrogatories to be filed and answered on the evidence, should the OEB believe that interrogatories are appropriate. Those steps could likely be completed before Enbridge updates its application.

Also, if granted leave to file evidence, Environmental Defence would submit evidence on the past and anticipated future efforts of local community members to inform gas expansion area residents about the downsides of connecting to the gas system and the benefits of alternatives. These efforts are another factor that is likely to reduce the number of connections and result in a revenue shortfall. This would be factual evidence and therefore not require any additional expert witness costs.

Yours truly,



Kent Elson

cc: Parties in the above proceeding