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Sent via email to: Registrar@oeb.ca

OEB Registrar
Dear Madam, Dear Sir:

Re: Securing access to natural gas for Ontario's future

On behalf of Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté, I am submitting a letter of comment on Enbridge Gas Inc.'s Rate Rebasing Application **Phase 2 (EB-2024-0111)**.

The Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté applauds the work the Government of Ontario has done to continue to advance access to affordable energy and propel economic growth, including the Natural Gas Expansion Program and the *Keeping Energy Costs Down Act*.

Our Municipality supports a measured approach to Ontario's energy transition, one that leverages existing natural gas infrastructure and invests in lower-carbon alternatives, such as renewable natural gas and hydrogen – in addition to building incremental electricity supply. An integrated approach to Ontario's energy transition, where pipes and wires work together, will ensure Ontario maintains an energy system that is resilient and cost-effective, while supporting the province's decarbonization efforts.

The Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté recognizes that growing communities and new developments have growing energy needs to support housing developments, new businesses, community centres, hospitals, schools, greenhouses, grain dryers and industrial parks – and all Ontarians benefit from this growth. Municipalities are planning for immense future growth and need assurance that affordable, resilient natural gas will be available to support economic and community development. Energy certainty is crucial, as is preserving customer choice.

Natural gas meets 40% of Ontario's energy needs, plays a critical role in Ontario's energy evolution and supports the reliability of Ontario's electricity system. We would like to ensure that hearings like this represent the municipal voices and priorities like our own on the need for natural gas and natural gas infrastructure to support the province's diversified energy mix.

Sincerely,


Guylaine Coulombe
CAO/Clerk

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Hon. Todd Smith, Minister of Energy
Colin Best, AMO President
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