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VIA RESS and EMAIL

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

**Re: EB-2024-0067 – Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas)
2024 Annual Update to 5 Year Natural Gas Supply Plan -
Observations of Enbridge Gas on the Framework and the consultative
process**

On April 15, 2024, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued a letter initiating a consultation to review Enbridge Gas's 2024 Annual Update to the natural gas supply plan. The letter informed parties that as part of the written comments filed in the consultation, Enbridge Gas and stakeholders may provide observations on the Framework and the consultative process that has been in place since 2019. During the Stakeholder Conference held on July 2, 2024, Enbridge Gas committed to providing any comments on the Framework and the consultative process by July 10, 2024, so that parties could respond where appropriate in their July 17 submissions.

Overall, Enbridge Gas believes the Framework and consultative process is working as intended by the OEB, as it provides a policy forum for stakeholders to review the gas supply plan and promotes regulatory efficiency.

Since the inception of the Framework, the Company's gas supply plan has continued to evolve and be improved on an annual basis based on stakeholder feedback received by Enbridge Gas. As examples, new performance metrics have been incorporated, and most recently a summary of the cost of diversity from upstream transportation. Enbridge Gas values the feedback received annually and considers and responds to that feedback to provide stakeholders with a more robust understanding of the gas supply plan.

The consultation approach used for the review of the annual updates is working well. Each year, Enbridge Gas responds to a broad range of questions and parties provide submissions to assist OEB staff in preparing a report. There has only been one instance where OEB staff has recommended that the OEB itself review a matter arising from the annual gas supply plans. This shows regulatory efficiency in a consultation process. Importantly, even in the one instance where the OEB reviewed aspects of the gas supply plan (the Vector contracting decision), the evidentiary record

needed for that review was adopted from the consultative process, outlining the value of the information provided.

Taking all of the above into account, Enbridge Gas will not be proposing changes to the Framework and consultative process. However, where other parties make suggestions about changes to the Framework or consultative process then Enbridge Gas will provide its perspective within its July 31 reply submission.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard Wathy".

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cc: David Stevens, Aird & Berlis LLP
All Interested Parties EB-2024-0067