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Dear Mr. Ginis

Re: Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas)

Application for Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) Pilot Projects

OEB File Number: EB-2022-0335 End of Abeyance – Next Steps

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) is in receipt of Enbridge Gas's updated application and evidence and responses to interrogatories filed on June 28, 2024.

The application was originally put in abeyance effective November 10, 2023<sup>1</sup>, pending updated evidence and interrogatory responses in response to Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) decision to close the application process for new entrants into the Canada Greener Homes Grant program in early 2024. Since then, Enbridge Gas has submitted multiple abeyance extension requests. These requests have been summarized below:

- <u>December 21, 2023</u>: Enbridge Gas filed updates to its pre-filed evidence and interrogatory responses in response to NRCan's decision to halt intake into the Canada Greener Homes Grant.
- <u>January 12, 2024</u>: Enbridge Gas filed a letter requesting the application remain in abeyance to determine the impacts (if any) of the OEB's 2024 Rebasing Phase 1 Decision on the IRP Pilot Projects.
- <u>January 15, 2024</u>: OEB filed a letter granting Enbridge Gas's extension request pending an update from Enbridge Gas by the end of February.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> EB-2022-0335, Procedural Order No. 3, November 17, 2023

- <u>February 29, 2024</u>: Enbridge Gas filed a letter requesting the application remain in abeyance until April 30, 2024.
- March 12, 2024: OEB issued a letter citing concerns about the delay and requested that Enbridge Gas articulate its plan for this hearing.
- March 26, 2024: Enbridge Gas filed a letter providing insight into the delay and requesting that the application remain in abeyance until April 30, 2024, to allow time to engage the IRP Technical Working Group.
- April 9, 2024: OEB issues a letter granting Enbridge Gas' extension request pending a meaningful and detailed update by April 30, 2024.
- April 30, 2024: Enbridge Gas filed a letter summarizing the proposed IRP Pilot Project scope changes and anticipated time to update its pre-filed evidence and interrogatory responses by June 28, 2024.
- <u>June 7, 2024:</u> Enbridge Gas filed a status update letter stating that the Parry Sound baseline facility project is no longer in Enbridge's 10-year capital forecast and therefore it was no longer reasonable to include that pilot in the updated application.

The OEB has determined that the application will come out of abeyance as of the date of the issuance of the next Procedural Order which will include provision for a technical conference. The OEB is currently working to schedule a date for a technical conference to best accommodate parties' schedules.

Please direct any questions relating to this application to Stephanie Cheng, Advisor at 416-544-5165 or <a href="mailto:stephanie.cheng@oeb.ca">stephanie.cheng@oeb.ca</a>.

Yours truly,

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