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**VIA RESS AND EMAIL**

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Dear Nancy Marconi:

**Re: Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas, or the Company)**  
**EB-2024-0111 - 2024 Rebasing and IRM – Phase 2**  
**Enbridge Gas response to ED letter re Issue 18**

On July 25, 2024, counsel for Environmental Defence (ED) requested that the OEB confirm that Issue 18 in this Phase 2 rebasing proceeding includes consideration of the Company's plan to complete a hydrogen blending study and, if appropriate, treat some or all of the costs as capital costs to be later included in rate base.

The Company recognizes that the OEB will know best what is intended by the Issues List that it created and approved. However, based on its own reading of the Issues List, Enbridge Gas does not agree that the hydrogen blending study is in scope for Phase 2.

Issue #18 was amended in the OEB's May 30, 2024, Decision on Issues List and Procedural Order No. 2 so that it reads as follows:

*Are the energy transition safe bet proposals with capital spending in the IRM term that were not addressed in Phase 1, such as the Energy Transition Technology Fund and the Low-Carbon Renewable Natural Gas Program appropriate?*

Enbridge Gas interprets Issue #18 to mean that where a safe bet proposal was not "addressed" in Phase 1, then it will be in scope for Phase 2. That is the case, for example, with the ETTF. This is not the case for the hydrogen blending study. The hydrogen blending study was discussed at length in Phase 1, and it was clear that there was capital spending associated with the study included in the overall capital budget. The OEB's Phase 1 Decision addressed and approved a 2024 capital budget (including an overall budget reduction) but did not stipulate any activities or programs to be excluded from the overall capital budget.

In the result, Enbridge Gas believes that the hydrogen blending study was "addressed" in Phase 1 and is not in scope for Phase 2. The Company notes that it does not seek any specific approvals in relation to the hydrogen blending study, and that any question

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about whether the costs of the study are properly included in rate base would be addressed at the next rebasing case.

Should you have any questions, please let us know.

Sincerely,

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