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Ms. Nancy Marconi, Registrar

Ontario Energy Board

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Dear Ms. Marconi:

Re: EB-2024-0197 Enbridge Sandford Community Expansion

Independent Participant Elizabeth Carswell Request to postpone Construction

I was on my way into town on Tuesday and was delayed by dangerous northbound traffic in the southbound lane of the 6th concession. The entire northbound lane is blocked by Aecon starting the Enbridge gas expansion. The timing could not be worse. We already have a complete closure of Sandford Road on the main route to Toronto all summer for bridge reconstruction. We have a brand new 4 way stop to remember and now we have unnecessary gas expansion construction blocking the main route for Sandford residents returning from either of the shopping districts. There were no signal persons to safely guide residents around the blockage.

I am writing to request a stay of the decision approving the Sandford gas expansion project until Environmental Defence's review and appeal has been completed, which includes an objection to the OEB's decision to disallow my survey evidence in the Sandford case.

Environmental Defence requested a stay in the Bobcaygeon case in a letter dated August 14, 2024. All but one of the same arguments apply to the Sandford case as well. The mention of savings with heat pumps applies particularly as Durham residents, including those in Sandford, are being encouraged to save energy costs with heat pumps through the Durham Greener Homes program, Heat pump rebate <https://durhamgreenerhomes.ca/financial-help/>.

In addition, it would be particularly disrespectful to our community if the OEB would allow construction to take place while the only Sandford resident that is participating in the case has been denied the opportunity to provide evidence.

I also cannot imagine that the OEB's decision in the Sandford case can be upheld. It is hard to

see how Enbridge's skewed survey could be considered to be so strong while my survey could be considered to be so irrelevant and devoid of any value that the OEB would refuse even to let me provide them with a copy.

Please require that Enbridge halt this work so we can drive to town safely at least until we have an opportunity to make our case about this project.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Carswell

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