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Nancy Marconi Registrar Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street, Suite 2700 Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Nancy Marconi,

Re: Enbridge Gas Inc. ("Enbridge Gas" or the "Company") Ontario Enery Board ("OEB") File No. EB-2024-0200 St. Laurent Pipeline Replacement Project

Enbridge Gas is in receipt of the letter from Environmental Defence (ED) dated September 10, 2024, wherein ED responds to Enbridge Gas's objections to ED's proposal for expert evidence in the above-noted proceeding. We are writing to address and clarify one point raised in ED's letter.

ED has misunderstood or mischaracterized the Company's evidence when ED states that the Extensive Inspection and Repair alternative is a "viable alternative" and is only inadequate in "the long term". In fact, the Company's evidence does not indicate that "the risks driving this project can be <u>sufficiently</u> mitigated with inspection and repair" (emphasis added). A more thorough review of the Company's evidence illustrates the inadequacy and ineffectiveness of the Extensive Inspection and Repair alternative in mitigating the operational risk of the pipeline.

ED's conclusion that "there is no urgency" to mitigate the risks associated with the St. Laurent Pipeline is unfounded and inconsistent with the evidence as filed and Enbridge Gas submits that the OEB should reject this premise.

Sincerely,

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