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Dear Ms. Marconi

**Re: County of Lennox and Addington Franchise Agreement
EB-2024-0134**

I am writing on behalf of the Concerned Residents to request clarification from the OEB regarding the scope of this proceeding and to request a change in the procedural steps following the filing of interrogatory responses.

Scope Clarification

Procedural Order #2 includes the following wording regarding the hearing scope:

The issues within the scope of this proceeding include any proposed amendment(s) to the terms and conditions of the franchise that may be warranted as a result of circumstances specific to the County.

The OEB agrees with Enbridge Gas that any detailed discussion of generic changes to the Model Franchise Agreement is not in scope given this application is for one specific franchise agreement renewal.

We understand that this proceeding cannot result in a different Model Franchise Agreement and that the model agreement can only be updated as a result of a generic hearing. However, we are uncertain of the meaning of the first paragraph and we note that the agreement wording that the Concerned Residents seek is not the result of circumstances that are unique to the County. Indeed, similar issues are being raised by municipal electors with respect to the Guelph Eramosa franchise agreement in a separate proceeding. If all issues have been removed from scope except those that are *unique* to County, please let us know as that would remove from scope all the issues that the Concerned Residents wish to raise.

Procedural Steps

We request that the procedural steps be adjusted following the receipt of interrogatory responses. It may be that Enbridge's interrogatory responses obviate the need to file evidence. That is our

preference, but if that is not the case, the Concerned Residents wish to propose a budget and more detailed evidence outline. This will help to ensure that the evidence and cost is within the OEB's expectations. Therefore, we propose that, within 7 days of delivery of the interrogatory responses, the Concerned Residents be required to file a letter indicating whether they still wish to file evidence, and if yes, to propose a budget and more specific description of the proposed evidence.

Yours truly,



Kent Elson

cc: Parties in the above proceeding