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Dear Ms. Marconi:

**Re: Enbridge Gas Inc. (“Enbridge Gas”, or the “Company”)
EB-2024-0111 – 2024 Rebasing and IRM – Phase 2
Joint Request to Continue Settlement Conference**

We represent Enbridge Gas. This letter is written on behalf of Enbridge Gas, as well as the 22 other participants in the current Settlement Conference process. All parties endorse the contents of this letter.

On behalf of all of the participants in the Settlement Conference for this matter, we write to request that the OEB extend the time for the Settlement Conference to be completed. As explained below, the parties plan to resume settlement discussions as soon as the upcoming Cost of Capital hearing is complete, and propose to report back to the OEB on settlement progress thereafter.

The Enbridge Gas Phase 2 rebasing proceeding is a large and complex case. Significant matters are at issue. The OEB recognized this in its May 1st letter appointing two additional Commissioners to the hearing panel.

Since the first day of the Settlement Conference on September 10th, the parties have been intensely engaged in discussions and negotiations. All parties have made substantial efforts to engage on the many issues in the case. With the assistance of Ken Rosenberg, the parties have made active and constructive use of all available time since the start date, except for the two days previously set aside by the OEB for settlement conference in the Enbridge Gas 2023 Deferral Account Clearance case.

There are 22 parties actively involved in the Settlement Conference process. These parties represent a diverse range of interests and viewpoints. Many representatives at the Settlement Conference have engaged and interested instructing clients. The Issues List includes 27 issues, which means that there are many items around which information must be gathered, viewpoints exchanged, positions established, and resolutions explored.

All parties have made diligent and constructive efforts to bridge gaps and develop positions that both protect their respective interest and provide a framework for settling a substantial portion of the issues in this case in the interests of achieving a fair outcome in an efficient manner. The

parties have made substantial progress in engaging on the full range of issues in the case, and believe that with the benefit of more time, there is a fair prospect of making real progress towards a meaningful settlement.

We believe that it is in the interest of all parties and the OEB to allow the Settlement Conference process to continue, in order to find out whether OEB hearing time and resources in connection with this matter can be reduced or avoided.

Ordinarily, we would request that the Settlement Conference continue immediately. That is not possible in this instance. The OEB's previously scheduled Cost of Capital hearing (EB-2024-0063) commences September 25th and continues into the week ending October 4th. This proceeding will keep many of the participants in the Phase 2 Rebasing Settlement Conference fully occupied for this week and next week.

The parties therefore request that the OEB permit the Settlement Conference for this Phase 2 Rebasing case to continue during the week of October 7th. The parties propose to report back to the OEB about their progress by end of day on Friday October 11th.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

AIRD & BERLIS LLP



David Stevens

c: all parties in EB-2024-0111