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BY RESS AND EMAIL

Nancy Marconi
Registrar
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Dear Nancy Marconi:

**Re: Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas or the Company)
Ontario Energy Board (OEB) File: EB-2024-0200
St. Laurent Pipeline Replacement Project
Confidentiality Requests for Interrogatory Responses**

Enbridge Gas has reviewed the October 16 letter of the Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario (FRPO) expressing concerns about Enbridge Gas's request for confidential treatment of select interrogatory responses related to asset location and pipeline pressures.

As you are aware, section 5.1.6 of the OEB's Practice Direction on Confidential Filings addresses the process and timing for a party to raise an objection to a confidentiality request. Had FRPO wanted to raise an objection it was required to do so within 5 business days after the filing of the interrogatory responses. The above section expressly provides that if an objection is not received within that time frame "the OEB will make its determination on confidentiality without further procedural steps."

As FRPO themselves have noted in their letter, their concerns were not raised within the OEB's 5-day deadline for parties to file submissions on Enbridge Gas's confidentiality requests, and the OEB also issued its October 16 decision granting confidential treatment prior to FRPO's letter. As such, and consistent with the above governing section, Enbridge Gas assumes no further procedural steps will be taken in respect of this issue and that we are not required to provide any further submissions in response to FRPO's letter.

We also note, given that they missed the timeline to object, FRPO's letter indicates they are providing their concerns "in the event the applicant would like to narrow its scope of request for confidentiality." Enbridge Gas does not wish to do so, and maintains the confidential treatment the OEB has granted. While we acknowledge that in some respects similar information has been provided in the past by the Company without

confidential treatment, the confidentiality requests pertain to the particular information in this application being filed at this point in time. There have been evolving and growing security risks related to critical infrastructure and this type of information in recent years. Given the heightened sensitivity and security risks, and the fact that these risks are in the nation's capital, we feel it most prudent to also evolve our own public disclosure practices with a view to ensuring we continue to maintain and enhance the safety and security of our assets and to protect the communities we operate in.

Enbridge Gas is of course prepared to accommodate whatever measures are needed at the Technical Conference (including an *in camera* session if FRPO has clarification questions relating to the confidential information) to protect the confidentiality of these interrogatory responses and related information that may arise in questioning.

In the event the OEB would like any further information or submissions on this point, or if you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia Squires".

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