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Ms. Nancy Marconi
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Dear Ms. Marconi:

**Re: Ontario Energy Board (OEB) Staff Submission on the Need for a Technical Conference
Enbridge Gas Inc. East Gwillimbury Community Expansion Project
OEB File Number: EB-2023-0343**

In accordance with Procedural Order No. 3, this is the submission of OEB staff regarding the need for a technical conference in the above noted proceeding. This letter has been forwarded to Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) and to all other registered parties in this proceeding.

According to Procedural Order No.1, OEB staff and intervenors filed interrogatories by March 19, 2024. Enbridge Gas filed a letter on April 3, 2024, requesting that the East Gwillimbury Leave to Construct proceeding (Application) be placed in abeyance as the pre-filed evidence omitted a section of pipeline in the Environmental Report (ER) and the evidence needed to be updated.

In Procedural Order No. 2, the OEB placed the Application into abeyance and ordered Enbridge Gas to file the updated evidence no later than June 21, 2024.

On June 14, 2024, Enbridge Gas filed a letter to the OEB requesting that the proceeding continue to be held in abeyance until August 30, 2024, to allow for sufficient time for a third party to review and comment on the draft ER Addendum. The OEB issued a letter on June 19, 2024, accepting Enbridge Gas's request.

On September 20, 2024, the OEB issued Procedural Order No. 3 setting out a schedule for filing additional interrogatories on the updated evidence, interrogatory responses to all interrogatories (i.e., interrogatories from Procedural Orders No. 1 and 3), and submissions on the need for a technical conference. The OEB stated that it would make a determination on the requests for a technical conference after the responses to interrogatories were filed.

Additional interrogatories were filed by OEB staff and by intervenors by October 8, 2024. Enbridge Gas filed its interrogatory responses on October 22, 2024.

OEB staff has reviewed the responses to interrogatories in the East Gwillimbury Community Expansion Project proceeding and does not believe further discovery is required through a technical conference on Enbridge Gas's evidence.

Yours truly,

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c: All Parties in EB-2023-0343