



November 22, 2024

Ms. Nancy Marconi
Registrar
Ontario Energy Board
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Re: EB-2024-0200 St. Laurent Pipeline Replacement Project

CAFES Ottawa understands that the OEB will be considering next steps in the review of the proposed St. Laurent Project following the delivery of Technical Conference Undertaking responses on or before November 27, 2024. We would like to express support for an oral hearing similar to what was conducted for the original consideration of this project under EB-2020-0293. This St. Laurent Project proposal continues to represent a large project through the downtown core of Ottawa and significant potential impacts including large incremental project costs that are proposed to be funded by ratepayers out to 2086¹. This is decades beyond when Ottawa ratepayers will have mitigated their natural gas use in support of Net Zero by 2050. Information on the relative benefits of alternatives compared to Enbridge's Full Replacement proposal have become more clear through the discover process, including documentation that was not included in the project application. In some cases, Enbridge has refused to provide information and documents requested by stakeholders, particularly related to Enbridge third party consultants including DNV². Having the ability to objectively understand all the facts underlying the proposed project and alternatives would help ensure that the OEB has the best available objective information for making a decision.

We also understand that the OEB is aware from the EB-2020-0293 proceeding of the decarbonization activities within the City of Ottawa and those activities have continued to proceed in alignment with Net Zero by 2050³. I have attached a letter received from a local resident in the City of Ottawa as an example of what we are hearing from a local perspective. This may be of value to the OEB in understanding what is occurring locally in the City of Ottawa.

Sincerely,

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All Parties (via email)

¹ Exhibit I.2-ED-19

² Exhibit JT2.23

³ Supported in part by [OTTAWA'S COMMUNITY ENERGY TRANSITION STRATEGY – FINAL REPORT](#)