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Ms. Nancy Marconi  
Registrar  
Ontario Energy Board  
2300 Yonge Street, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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Dear Ms. Marconi:

**Re: Enbridge Gas Inc. Application for Approval of Renewal of Franchise Agreement with County of Simcoe: OEB File No. EB-2024-0280**

In response to the comments received from Enbridge Gas Inc. ("Enbridge") on November 19, 2024, the County of Simcoe ("the County") notes the below in reply.

The County is in the Board's hands when it comes to Enbridge's request for a general hearing. However, the County submits that the scope of the issues raised in its request for intervention is within the jurisdiction of the Board within the context of this Application and a general hearing is not required. Contrary to the submission of Enbridge, the County **is not** seeking an amendment to the Model Franchise Agreement at large, but rather an amendment to its specific agreement with Enbridge, which is currently based on the Model Franchise Agreement.

Section 10(2) of the *Municipal Franchises Act*, 1990 expressly permits the Board, in an Application for Renewal, to renew the agreement "upon such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Board". The County submits that its request for amendments to the agreement between itself and Enbridge fall squarely within this statutory authority and a general hearing is not required.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Zarah Walpole".

Zarah Walpole  
Director of Legal Services

cc (by email only): Patrick McMahon, Enbridge Gas Inc.