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Mr. Haris Ginis
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Dear Mr. Ginis:

**Re: Enbridge Gas Inc.
Panhandle Regional Expansion Project
Ontario Energy Board File Number EB-2022-0157
Change Request No. 2**

On November 14, 2024, Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) submitted a letter to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) requesting approval of change to the Panhandle Regional Expansion Project (Project). The requested change consists of construction of a temporary tie-in facility south of the Dover Transmission Station to ensure sufficient natural gas service in December 2024 (Change Request No. 2). On November 22, 2024, Enbridge Gas filed additional information related to Change Request No. 2. Enbridge Gas stated that, should Enbridge Gas decide that the temporary facilities are required, the expected construction start is November 25, 2024. Enbridge Gas noted that estimated cost is \$2 million or less.

The Project consists of approximately 19 km of natural gas pipeline from Dover Transmission Station in the Municipality of Chatham Kent to the existing pipeline in the Municipality of Lakeshore.

Change Request No. 2 is made pursuant to Condition of Approval No. 5 of the OEB's [Decision and Order](#) granted for the Project on May 14th, 2024¹.

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5. Enbridge Gas Inc. shall advise the OEB of any proposed change to OEB-approved construction or restoration procedures. Except in an emergency, Enbridge Gas Inc. shall not make any such change without prior notice to and written approval of the OEB. In the event of an emergency, the OEB shall be informed immediately after the fact.

Originally, Enbridge Gas planned for the Project to start service in November 2024. Enbridge Gas stated that soil conditions caused construction delays and construction of the Project is expected to be completed by December 31, 2024. To ensure sufficient natural gas service to customers in December 2024, Enbridge Gas requires a temporary modification to the Project as described in Change Request No. 2. Once the Project is in-service, the temporary tie-in facility will be removed.

In filing Change Request No. 2, Enbridge Gas stated that it has consulted with the landowner affected by the request and, as of November 14, 2024, there were no concerns from that landowner. Moreover, Enbridge Gas advised that Change Request No. 2 does not affect any new landowners.

Enbridge Gas confirmed that all permits, approvals and clearances related to Change Request No. 2 are in place.

Enbridge Gas further stated that the additional costs of the tie-in station facility, should they be required, will have no material impact on the overall Project costs. Enbridge Gas noted that any additional costs associated with Change Request No. 2 will be allocated to the contingency budgeted for the Project. Enbridge Gas also noted that since the temporary tie-in facility will be removed, the final scope and design of the Project (as previously approved by the OEB) is not impacted by this Change Request.

The OEB has reviewed the information filed by Enbridge Gas and determined that Enbridge Gas's proposal will not result in material changes to the Project approved by the OEB in EB-2022-0157 proceeding. This assessment is based on the best available information that if the additional cost is incurred, the costs are to be absorbed by the contingency budget that was included in the approved leave to construct application and any material changes to project costs will be reviewed by the OEB at the time the project is proposed to enter rate base. The request for change is approved.

Yours truly,

Theodore
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cc: All the parties in the EB-2022-0157 proceeding