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**VIA RESS AND EMAIL**

Nancy Marconi  
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Ontario Energy Board  
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Dear Nancy Marconi:

**Re: Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas)  
Ontario Energy Board (OEB) File: EB-2024-0325  
Glendale Community Expansion Project (the Project)  
Response to Notification Letter from Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA)**

Enbridge Gas has reviewed the Notification Letter filed on behalf of MCA in the above-noted proceeding on January 30, 2025. Enbridge Gas notes that MCA has requested intervenor status in this proceeding and has no objection to MCA's request in this regard.

However, Enbridge Gas objects to the OEB conducting an oral hearing, as requested by the MCA. The OEB frequently and most commonly determines gas pipeline leave to construct applications of this nature by way of written proceeding as such a format is an efficient and effective way to evaluate such applications and consider the applicant's consultation efforts. While Enbridge Gas appreciates the nature of the interests and rights MCA raises in the Notification Letter, such matters appear to be similar in nature to interests and rights raised by Indigenous groups in other OEB proceedings that are, with few exceptions, conducted in writing. Enbridge Gas also notes that an oral hearing would very likely add unnecessary time and expense to the OEB adjudication process for this small, government-supported Project that will be constructed on existing road allowance for local residents. This is contrary to the objectives of an exemption application of this nature.

Enbridge Gas would also like to clarify the record in respect of MCA's claim that "there has been no consultation with the Mohawks of Akwesasne with respect to the Project." As MCA correctly points out in their letter, Enbridge Gas has logged eight emails and one phone call from Enbridge Gas to MCA representatives in its Indigenous Consultation Log filed at Exhibit H, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Attachment 8 of its Application. The emails included Project information, including the Project Environmental Report, and invitations to MCA to provide comments and ask questions. These consultations occurred on or before October 22, 2024, which was the date that Enbridge Gas finalized this Exhibit for filing with the application on November 7, 2024. As of that date, Enbridge Gas had not received any responses from MCA representatives.

Since then, Enbridge Gas representatives have received correspondence from MCA and have engaged in on-going dialogue related to the Project, with the most recent correspondence from MCA occurring on January 28, 2025. As it would normally do, Enbridge Gas would be happy to update and file the Consultation Log with the details of these additional consultations on the public record at the appropriate time in this proceeding.

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Enbridge Gas intends to continue its engagement with MCA throughout the life of the proceeding and the Project, if approved by the OEB, to ensure any impacts on Aboriginal or treaty rights and interests are addressed as appropriate.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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