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Dear Evan Tomek:

Re: EB-2024-0304 Enbridge Gas Inc. – Waubuno Well Drilling Licence Application

Enbridge Gas Inc. has made an application to the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry for a well drilling licence in respect of drilling a natural gas storage well in the Waubuno Storage Pool. The Minister has referred the application to the OEB for a report pursuant to section 40(1) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the Act). The OEB has begun processing this matter and has assigned it file number EB-2024-0304. An employee of the OEB, to whom authority has been delegated under Section 6 of the Act, intends to issue a report to the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry on the application without holding a hearing.

Section 40(2) of the Act states that the “Board may hold a hearing before reporting to the Minister if the applicant does not have authority to store gas in the area or, in the Board’s opinion, the special circumstances of the case require a hearing”. In this case, Enbridge Gas has the authority to store gas in the area and, in the OEB’s opinion, there are no special circumstances that require a hearing.

You are directed to make a copy of the application available in a prominent place on your company’s website within 3 business days.

Request for Confidentiality

Enbridge Gas has requested confidential treatment for personal information in the Environmental Report (Exhibit G/Tab 1/Schedule 1/Attachment 1/Appendix D-2) and in the Landowner List (Exhibit H/Tab 1/Schedule 1/Attachment 1).

The OEB has reviewed Enbridge Gas's request for the redaction of personal information. The OEB finds that the redacted information in the Environmental Report and in the Landowner List is personal information as defined in the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FIPPA) and the OEB's [Practice Direction on Confidential Filings \(Practice Direction\)](#). Therefore, the property owner information identified by Enbridge Gas in its request shall remain redacted.

OEB staff will be in contact with you directly throughout the course of the proceeding, and may have questions regarding the application that will require your prompt attention. OEB staff will outline any additional information that you will need to provide, in addition to the evidence already filed, by written OEB staff questions by **February 24, 2025**.

Please provide complete written responses to OEB staff questions by no later than **10 days after receipt of OEB staff's questions**. Please file your responses with the OEB and provide copies to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry may file with the OEB and copy Enbridge Gas any comments, by written letter, on the evidence and any additional information provided by Enbridge Gas in response to OEB staff questions, by no later than **14 days after receipt of Enbridge Gas's responses to OEB staff questions**.

Please note that you are responsible for ensuring that all of the documents filed with the OEB, including responses to OEB staff questions and any other supporting evidence, **do not include "personal information"** as that phrase is defined in the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, unless filed in accordance with rule 9A of the OEB's *Rules of Practice and Procedure*.

Please quote file number, **EB-2024-0304** for all materials filed and submit them in searchable/unrestricted PDF format with a digital signature through the [OEB's online filing portal](#).

- Filings should clearly state the sender's name, postal address, telephone number and e-mail address
- Please use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the [Regulatory Electronic Submission System \(RESS\) Document Guidelines](#) found at the [Filing Systems page](#) on the OEB's website
- Parties are encouraged to use RESS. Those who have not yet [set up an account](#), or require assistance using the online filing portal can contact registrar@oeb.ca for assistance.

Please note that the timely processing of the application depends on the receipt of information within the specified timelines. Any specific questions relating to this letter or the processing of your application should be directed to your OEB case manager, Zora Crnojacki, at zora.crnojacki@oeb.ca or at 416-440-8104. The OEB's toll-free number is 1-888-632-6273.

Yours truly,

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