

February 21, 2025

**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-2022-0155  
Crowland Test Well Drilling Project (Project)  
Restoration Update**

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On September 13, 2022 the OEB issued its Report to the Minister of Natural Resources (OEB Report) for the above noted proceeding which included as Attachment A, several recommended Conditions of Licence. In accordance with Condition of Licence 10 a), Enbridge Gas filed a Post Construction Report (PCR) with the OEB on March 1, 2024. Section 2.0 of the PCR provided the following statements:

*“Site cleanup was completed concurrently to construction, and the temporary gravel drilling pad is being left in place to be used as an equipment laydown area for Enbridge Gas work that is planned to take place in July – September 2024 in Enbridge Gas’s Crowland station. Upon completion of that work, the drilling pad area will be restored and an update will be provided in the Final Monitoring Report.”*

*“Enbridge Gas will return to the well site to remove the temporary drilling pad and perform site restoration upon completion of Enbridge Gas’s work in the Crowland station. The site will be restored in accordance with the application and evidence given to the OEB including the Conditions of Licence, and in accordance with the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) permit obtained for the work.”*

Enbridge Gas’s pre-filed evidence for the above noted proceeding also included several references to the temporary gravel drilling pad that would be constructed for the drilling of stratigraphic test well (EC 1) and would be reduced in size upon completion of drilling activities.<sup>1</sup> Additionally, Enbridge Gas confirmed the dimensions of the proposed gravel pad that will remain in place upon completion of drilling activities in response to an OEB Staff question on July 19, 2022.<sup>2</sup> A map showing the location of the EC 1 gravel drilling pad, including the proposed temporary and permanent areas of the gravel drilling pad, can be found at Attachment 1 to this letter.

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<sup>1</sup> Exhibit D, Tab 1, Schedule 1, para. 8; Exhibit F, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Attachment 1; Exhibit G, Tab 1, Schedule 1; Exhibit G, Tab 1, Schedule 1, para. 2; Exhibit H, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Attachment 1, Section 1.0.

<sup>2</sup> Exhibit I.STAFF.4.

The purpose of this letter is to advise the OEB that Enbridge Gas is now planning to keep the gravel drilling pad permanently to support future work in the Crowland Storage Pool. Utilizing this already existing pad would be more cost effective and less invasive compared to removing it and constructing a new pad elsewhere in the area, which would also require an additional permit from the NPCA.

Enbridge Gas owns the land on which the gravel pad is located and has obtained written approval from the NPCA to leave the pad as permanent. As a result, and given the immateriality of the change and the fact that station work typically does not require OEB approval, Enbridge Gas does not believe that additional OEB approval is required in this case. An update regarding the status of the gravel drilling pad, and the success of restoration generally, will be provided in the Final Monitoring Report pursuant to Condition of Licence 10 b) of the OEB Report.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Evan Tomek".

Evan Tomek  
Senior Advisor, Regulatory Applications – Leave to Construct

Attachment 1 – Location of the EC-1 Gravel Pad in the Crowland Storage Pool

