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Eric VanRuymbeke Sr. Advisor, Leave to Construct Applications Enbridge Gas Inc. P. O. Box 2001 50 Keil Drive North, Chatham, ON N7M 5M1 <u>eric.vanruymbeke@enbridge.com</u>

Dear Eric VanRuymbeke:

Re: Enbridge Gas Inc. East Gwillimbury Community Expansion Project Ontario Energy Board File Number: EB-2023-0343

On August 30, 2024, Enbridge Gas Inc. filed an updated application for leave to construct approximately 36.5 kilometres of natural gas pipeline and associated facilities in the Town of East Gwillimbury with potential pipeline sections in the Township of King, Town of Georgina, and Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville. Enbridge Gas also applied for approval of the form of land-use agreements related to the construction of the project.

Enbridge Gas is also seeking approval to cancel and supersede the two existing Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity held by Enbridge Gas – one for the former Township of East Gwillimbury and the other for Township of King – and replace them with new Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct works to supply natural gas in the Town of East Gwillimbury and Township of King to address the municipal name change in the case of East Gwillimbury, and the changes in municipal boundaries for both municipalities.

On December 30, 2022, the Ministry of Energy issued a letter to Enbridge Gas identifying the Indigenous communities that Enbridge Gas should consult in relation to the project and delegated the procedural aspects of the Crown's duty to consult to Enbridge Gas. As of this date, Enbridge Gas has not yet filed with the OEB a letter of opinion from the Ministry regarding the adequacy of the Indigenous consultation

undertaken by Enbridge Gas, as contemplated in the OEB's <u>Environmental Guidelines</u> for the Location, Construction and Operation of Hydrocarbon Pipelines and Facilities in <u>Ontario</u>.

Pending the filing of the Ministry's letter of opinion, and in accordance with the OEB's <u>Protocol for Adjusting Adjudicative Timelines</u>, the OEB will place Enbridge Gas's application in abeyance as of March 19, 2025. The OEB will resume processing the application following receipt of the Ministry's letter of opinion. If there is a significant delay, the OEB will further consider how best to proceed with the processing of the application.

Please direct any questions relating to this application to the Case Manager, Arturo Lau at <u>Arturo.Lau@oeb.ca</u> and OEB Counsel, James Sidlofsky at <u>James.Sidlofsky@oeb.ca</u>.

Yours truly,

Nancy Marconi Registrar

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