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April 1, 2025

Nancy Marconi
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Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor
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Dear Ms. Marconi:

**Re: Enbridge Gas Inc.
Tweed Community Expansion Project – Application for Exemption from
Leave-to-Construct (LTC) Requirement
OEB Staff Interrogatories
OEB File Number: EB-2024-0303**

In accordance with Procedural Order No. 1, please find attached the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) staff interrogatories in the above proceeding. The applicant has been copied on this filing.

Enbridge Gas's responses to questions are due by April 10, 2025.

Any questions relating to this letter should be directed to the Case Manager, Catherine Nguyen at catherine.nguyen@oeb.ca or at 416-440-7645. The OEB's toll-free number is 1-888-632-6273.

Yours truly,

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Advisor

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**OEB Staff Interrogatories
Enbridge Gas Inc.
EB-2024-0303**

Please note, Enbridge Gas Inc. is responsible for ensuring that all documents it files with the OEB, including responses to OEB staff interrogatories and any other supporting documentation, 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*.

OEB STAFF-1

Reference: Exhibit H, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Attachment 2: Delegation Letter, February 9, 2024; Attachment 9: Indigenous Consultation Report: Summary Table and Attachment 10: Indigenous Consultation Log (as of March 6, 2025)

Preamble:

Ten Indigenous communities have been identified by the Ministry of Energy and Electrification (Ministry of Energy) as potentially impacted by the project:

- Alderville First Nation
- Beausoleil First Nation
- Curve Lake First Nation
- Chippewas of Georgina Island
- Chippewas of Rama First Nation
- Hiawatha First Nation
- Huron-Wendat Nation
- Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation
- Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation
- Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte

Enbridge Gas provided the following information to each of the ten Indigenous communities identified by the Ministry of Energy as potentially impacted by the project:

- A detailed description of the nature and initial scope of the project. This included a list of other provincial or federal approvals that may be required for the project to proceed
- Maps of the project location
- Letter containing information on the Virtual Open House
- Environmental Report (ER), providing information about the potential effects of the project on the Environment, including archaeological assessments (AA)
- Updated ER

- Notice of Project Change, providing information about the changed route, if the adjusted route reduces potential cumulative effects and interference and safety hazards
- OEB's Notice of Hearing, providing information on how to participate in the OEB's hearing regarding the Project

As required by the OEB's Environmental Guidelines on Hydrocarbon Projects and Facilities in Ontario, Enbridge Gas filed an Indigenous Consultation Report (ICR) and log of the consultation with its application. Enbridge Gas provided an updated ICR on March 19, 2025, as required by Procedural Order No. 1.

Question(s):

- a) On March 19, 2025, Enbridge Gas filed an updated ICR, including engagement activities up to March 6, 2025. In its update, Enbridge Gas stated that it has provided responses to Curve Lake First Nation's comments on the Environmental Report on January 15, 2025. Enbridge Gas stated that Curve Lake First Nation is reviewing the responses and will contact Enbridge Gas if there are any concerns.
 - i. Please advise whether there has been any further response from Curve Lake First Nation, providing a copy of any response that has been received.
 - ii. Please confirm whether there are any outstanding concerns that Enbridge Gas is aware of with respect to Curve Lake First Nation.
 - iii. Please describe any additional engagement activity undertaken by Enbridge Gas with respect to Curve Lake First Nation, since March 6, 2025.
- b) Please discuss any outstanding concerns Indigenous communities raised after March 6, 2025. How is Enbridge Gas addressing these concerns?
- c) Please describe Enbridge Gas's plans for continuing engagement with the ten Indigenous communities. Which channels of communication will be used and which information regarding the project construction, operation or any other aspect of the project will be conveyed?

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Reference: Exhibit H, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Attachment 9: Indigenous Consultation Report: Summary Tables (as of March 6, 2025)

Preamble:

Regarding capacity funding, Enbridge Gas noted that it offered funding to each Indigenous community identified as potentially impacted by the project. According to Enbridge Gas, capacity funding will support timely activities such as technical review of project documents and engagement in meaningful consultation.

Question(s):

- a) Please provide information on which Indigenous communities accepted and were provided capacity funding by Enbridge Gas and provide a description of the activities supported by the capacity funding that was provided.
- b) Please advise if any Indigenous communities raised concerns with Enbridge Gas with respect to the capacity funding being offered and if so, how Enbridge Gas responded to such concerns.

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Reference: Exhibit H, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Attachment 9: Indigenous Consultation Report: Summary Tables (as of March 6, 2025)

Preamble:

In its summary table filed in evidence, Enbridge Gas summarizes questions or concerns that were raised by community members or representatives related to the project.

Questions:

- a) Please provide a summary of all forms of accommodation that Enbridge Gas has committed and agreed to make or made to any of the ten consulted Indigenous communities in response to the concerns raised in the Indigenous consultation process for the Project?

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Reference: Exhibit H, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Attachment 7: Sufficiency Letter (not filed)

Preamble:

The Ministry of Energy delegated the procedural aspects of consultation to Enbridge Gas and will provide a letter with its opinion on the adequacy of the procedural aspects of Indigenous consultation undertaken by Enbridge Gas related to the project. This letter is referred to interchangeably as the "Sufficiency Letter" or as the "Letter of Opinion". Enbridge Gas stated that the Sufficiency Letter would be filed on the record once it had been received by Enbridge Gas.

Questions:

- a) What is the expected date when Enbridge Gas anticipates that the Sufficiency Letter would be provided by the Ministry of Energy?

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Reference: Exhibit I, Tab 1, Schedule 1: Conditions of Approval

Preamble:

Enbridge Gas stated that it will comply with any conditions of approval that might be specified by the OEB in its approval of this application.

Questions:

- a) Please specify the conditions of approval that Enbridge Gas proposes for the project.