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Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board Suite 2701 2300 Yonge Street Toronto ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms Walli:

Re: Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. ("EGD")
OEB File EB-2007-0615

We are counsel to the Consumers Council of Canada. In that capacity we have received a copy of Ms Newland's letter to you of June 28, 2007. In that letter, Ms Newland asks that the Board reconsider Procedural Order No. 1, dated June 27, 2007, to extend the time for her client, EGD, to file its evidence in support of its application for rates commencing January 1, 2008.

We write this letter to indicate our support for Ms Newland's request. That support is based on two considerations.

The first is that EGD has consistently said that it requires a minimum of four weeks, following the release of a decision in its application for approval of its rates for 2007, to perfect and file its evidence in support of its application for approval of its rates for 2008. We see no benefit in forcing EGD to file evidence before that decision is released. Further, we see no benefit in compelling EGD to file evidence before it has had sufficient time to consider the effects of the decision. The consideration of EGD's application for approval of rates for 2008 and beyond will proceed more efficiently if the evidence which EGD files is final and complete, and not subject to amendments based on, among other things, a more detailed examination of the effects of the decision with respect to its 2007 rates.

More broadly, we are concerned about the short notice that the Board has given to EGD, and to all other parties, of the timeline for the consideration of EGD's application for

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approval of its 2008 rates, and the parallel application of Union Gas Limited ("Union") for approval of rates for 2008 and beyond. The Council understands that the timing of the Board's processes cannot be based on a consideration of the conflicting obligations of all of the various parties, and their counsel. The Council understands that, were the Board to try to do that, it would be very difficult, if not impossible, to schedule proceedings in an orderly and efficient way. Having said that, however, we suggest that the Board's decision to schedule processes should take into consideration the fact that participants in the processes will have scheduled summer vacations. In most cases, plans for those vacations will have been set some time ago, and will not be easy to change, without considerable inconvenience to the participants and their families. Had the participants known, two or three months ago, of the timeline that the Board was contemplating for consideration of the applications of Union and EGD, they could have adjusted their summer schedules accordingly. However, receiving notice that the process is to begin in just over a week, makes it effectively impossible to do that.

Accordingly, we respectfully request that, in reconsidering the timeline set out in Procedural Order No. 1, the Board consider delaying the commencement of the processes for the EGD and Union applications until later in the summer so that most, if not all, participants can schedule their involvement without significant disruption to themselves and their families.

Yours very truly,

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