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Ms. Nancy Marconi

Registrar

Ontario Energy Board

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Dear Ms. Marconi:

Re: EB-2025-0058 – Joint Intervenor Request for Extension of Time

I am writing on behalf of eMERGE Guelph Sustainability and the City of Guelph in response to the OEB's Procedural Order #2 dated May 29, 2025. Both intervenors have commenced discussions to avoid the duplication of evidence and in the process of that discussion it was agreed that eMERGE would request an extension of three weeks to file evidence in the above-noted matter on behalf of both intervenors.

1. Intervenor request for time to properly prepare and coordinate evidence

In order to ensure that the Board has a complete and accurate record on this Application, the intervenors require additional time to gather evidence. In particular, the intervenors require additional time to search for relevant documentary evidence and collect evidence from affiants. This information is especially important to the proceeding in light of the Board's specific interest in local factors, which inform the intervenors' positions on the Application.

From the perspective of eMERGE, additional time will also be important as its affiants will include individuals that are not employed by the non-profit. eMERGE therefore needs to work with their schedules. In addition, counsel for eMERGE are out of town for a number of days this week and next.

The intervenors also intend to coordinate their evidence in order to avoid duplication as much as possible. Again, this will require more time than provided by the current deadline of June 10, 2025.

2. The extension will not prejudice the Applicant

There will be no prejudice from the extension and there is no urgency in this case. As the Board knows, clause 4(c) of the existing franchise agreement between Enbridge Gas Inc. and the City of Guelph stipulates that, following a party's notice of intent to negotiate a renewal, the terms of the existing agreement remain in place until such negotiations are resolved.

As a result, the requested three-week extension should not prejudice the Applicant or any customers. Any inconvenience would be outweighed by the potential prejudice to the intervenors, should they be unable to file their intended evidence in the proceeding.

Given the above, the intervenors submit that a deadline of July 2nd, 2025 would provide sufficient time to prepare and submit evidence, without prejudicing any parties to the proceeding.

Yours truly,



Kate Rose Siemiatycki

On behalf of eMERGE Guelph Sustainability
City of Guelph

cc: Parties in the above proceeding