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VIA EMAIL:

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Dear Ritchie Murray:

Re: Enbridge Gas Inc. ("Enbridge Gas") 2026 DSM Rollover Application

File: EB-2024-0198

Response to SEC's Letter to the OEB

I am writing as counsel to Enbridge Gas in response to a letter to the OEB from Mr. Jay Shepherd dated July 31, 2025, written on behalf of the School Energy Coalition ("SEC"). Mr. Shepherd asks the OEB to order Enbridge Gas to respond "essentially as a late undertaking in the technical conference" stating their position on the OEB's jurisdiction and mandate to include in the cost-effectiveness test that is required by the OEB's DSM Framework a social cost of carbon and perhaps certain externalities.

Enbridge Gas notes that the OEB in Procedural Order No. 3 dated May 13, 2025 at page 2 states that it expects that considerations related to the social cost of carbon, and to what extent the social cost of carbon should be considered, if at all, is to be addressed as part of the broader 2027+ multi-year DSM plan proceeding, not in this 2026 Rollover Application. This means that what Mr. Shepherd is requesting is clearly out of scope for this Rollover Application and would have been out of scope for the technical conference. Enbridge Gas's position relating to social cost of carbon and externalities, in response to the OEB's Procedural Order and in respect of Mr. Shepherd's question, will be part of its filing in the 2027+ DSM plan proceeding and will be considered then. Consistent with the scope of the Rollover Application, there are currently no proposals nor any evidence filed in this proceeding on such matters which, it should be noted, would require changes to the OEB's DSM Framework.

Enbridge Gas further submits that the request by Mr. Shepherd for an order subsequent to the completion of a technical conference based upon discussions in which he participated in a totally unrelated matter is procedurally inappropriate. As well, Mr. Shepherd is posing a question that is inappropriate for a technical conference witness to answer. Even if the question were relevant to this proceeding (which it is not), his requested order relates to a legal question which will undoubtedly require legal submissions in the appropriate forum.

For these reasons, Enbridge Gas submits that Mr. Shepherd's request should be denied.

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Yours truly,

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