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Ritchie Murray
Registrar, Acting
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor
Toronto, Ontario M4P 1E4

Dear Mr. Murray:

**Re: Lanark and Balderson Gas Network Expansion Project
EB-2025-0306**

I am writing in response to Enbridge's intervention comment letter dated January 30, 2026.

Enbridge opposes Environmental Defence and the Climate Network Lanark both being granted intervenor status, and asks that only one or the other be granted intervenor status. Enbridge's request is unfounded. Enbridge justifies its request on the basis of efficiency. However, there will be absolutely no duplication of effort if both organizations are granted intervenor status as both will be represented by the same law firm. As counsel, we commit to avoiding any duplication or wasted effort. Furthermore, by having both intervenors present, the OEB will obtain a wider range of perspectives, benefiting from Environmental Defence's experience and knowledge in relation to gas expansion projects across the province and the Climate Network Lanark's important local knowledge and perspective.

Enbridge also asks that the OEB make orders narrowing the scope of the hearing and issue preliminary findings regarding jurisdiction. As we have not been asked by the OEB to make submissions on scope or jurisdiction, and in the interest of minimizing legal costs, we will refrain from making said submissions at this time. However, if the OEB is considering whether to make preliminary findings regarding scope or jurisdiction, Environmental Defence and the Climate Network Lanark ask for the opportunity to make submissions in advance.

Yours truly,



Kent Elson

cc: Parties to the above proceeding