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VIA EMAIL and RESS

Ritchie Murray
Acting Registrar
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street, 27th floor
P.O. Box 2319
Toronto, Ontario, M4P 1E4

Dear Ritchie Murray:

**Re: Enbridge Gas Inc. (“Enbridge Gas” or the “Company”)
Ontario Energy Board (“OEB”) File No.: EB-2025-0307
Waubuno Gathering System and Compressor Station Replacement Project
(the “Project”)
Response to OEB Staff Submission on Confidentiality Request**

Pursuant to the OEB’s Procedural Order No. 1 for the EB-2025-0307 proceeding, this is Enbridge Gas’s response to OEB staff’s February 12, 2026 submission regarding the Company’s request for confidential treatment of information that relates to Aamjiwnaang First Nation’s budget amounts to host a Community Information Session found at Exhibit H-1-1, Attachment 7, line-item attachment 1.26 and 1.31.

Enbridge Gas disagrees with OEB staff’s submission¹ that this information does not fall into any of the categories of information that will be considered presumptively confidential listed in Appendix B of the OEB’s *Practice Direction on Confidential Filings* (“Practice Direction”)².

OEB staff, in its submission, stated the following regarding Enbridge Gas’s confidentiality request:

“In addition, Enbridge Gas provided the following basis for confidentiality: “The redactions relate to estimated budget amounts for Aamjiwnaang First Nation to support a Community Information Session.” No further rationale was provided.”³

In response to an email from OEB staff dated February 2, 2026, Enbridge Gas confirmed via email on February 3, 2026, that the subject confidentiality request would fall under the “Billing rates of a third party” category of information and therefore would be considered presumptively confidential as per Appendix B of the Practice Direction.

¹ OEB Staff Submission, February 12, 2026, p. 1-2.

² [Practice Direction on Confidential Filings](#)

³ OEB Staff Submission, February 12, 2026, p. 1.

In any event, disclosure of the information will give rise to the types of harms contemplated in Appendix A of the Practice Direction. The information pertains to negotiated, case-specific budget amounts associated with Indigenous engagement activities that are inherently contextual and are specific to the needs, capacity and preferences of each Indigenous community, as well as the scale, scope and timing of the particular project. Disclosing this financial information could significantly interfere with the ability of the Company and Indigenous communities to negotiate in good faith and efficiently move forward.⁴ For instance, the amounts could be used as a benchmark in future discussions and could distort the negotiation dynamic by anchoring expectations to a publicly available “going rate” that does not account for the unique circumstances of each community/project. As such, public disclosure would be “detrimental” within the meaning of the Practice Direction and Enbridge Gas respectfully asks for confidential treatment to be granted.

Yours truly,

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⁴ OEB’s Practice Direction on Confidential Filings, Appendix A, (a)(iii).