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VIA EMAIL and RESS

Ritchie Murray
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Dear Ritchie Murray:

**Re: Enbridge Gas Inc. (“Enbridge Gas” or the “Company”)
Ontario Energy Board (“OEB”) File No.: EB-2025-0306
Lanark and Balderson Community Expansion Project (the “Project”)
Response to OEB Staff Submission on Confidentiality Request**

Pursuant to the OEB’s Procedural Order No. 1 for the EB-2025-0306 proceeding, this is Enbridge Gas’s response to OEB staff’s February 25, 2026 submission regarding the Company’s request for confidential treatment of information that relates to fees and funding associated with Indigenous engagement found at Exhibit H-1-1, Attachment 7, line-item attachments 1.8, 3.42, and 6.6.

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

Enbridge Gas submits that the redacted information found at Exhibit H-1-1, Attachment 7, line-item attachments 1.8, 3.42, and 6.6 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. Enbridge Gas notes that the OEB came to the same conclusion regarding similar information filed in the EB-2025-0307 proceeding³, finding that such information constitutes “billing rates of a third party” under Appendix B of the OEB’s Practice Direction and therefore is considered presumptively confidential.⁴

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

¹ OEB Staff Submission, February 25, 2026, p. 2.

² [Practice Direction on Confidential Filings](#)

³ EB-2025-0307, Application and Evidence, Cover Page, November 24, 2025.

⁴ EB-2025-0307, Procedural Order No. 2, p. 2, March 3, 2026.

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.⁵ 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. The OEB, in its Procedural Order No. 2 issued in the EB-2025-0307 proceeding, accepted this rationale⁶ provided by Enbridge Gas in regards to its aforementioned request for confidential treatment of information in that proceeding and stated the following:

“The OEB finds that there is potential harm associated with the disclosure of the information, consistent with the Practice Direction on Confidential Filings, Appendix A, which identifies “the potential harm that could result from disclosure of the information...” as a relevant consideration. The OEB accepts the rationale provided by Enbridge Gas in its response letter dated February 20, 2026.”⁷

Yours truly,

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⁵ OEB’s Practice Direction on Confidential Filings, Appendix A, (a)(iii).

⁶ EB-2025-0307, Enbridge Gas Response to OEB Staff Submission on Confidentiality Request, p. 2, February 20, 2026.

⁷ EB-2025-0307, Procedural Order No. 2, p. 2, March 3, 2026.