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Ritchie Murray
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Dear Ritchie Murray:

**Re: Ontario Energy Board (OEB) Staff Comment
Enbridge Gas Inc. – Humber Station Community Expansion Project
Application for Exemption from Leave-to-Construct (LTC) Requirement
OEB File Number: EB-2025-0270**

Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) applied to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on September 29, 2025, under subsection 95(2) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act) for an order exempting Enbridge Gas from the requirement to obtain leave to construct natural gas pipelines and facilities (Project) in the Town of Caledon near the intersection of Humber Station Road and Old Church Road, Ontario.

On March 6, 2025, the Ministry of Energy and Mines¹ (Ministry) issued its delegation letter, delegating the procedural aspects of the Crown's duty to consult in relation to the Project to Enbridge Gas and identified ten Indigenous communities to be consulted:

- Alderville First Nation
- Beausoleil First Nation
- Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation
- Chippewas of Rama First Nation
- Curve Lake First Nation
- Hiawatha First Nation
- Wendat Nation (formerly Huron-Wendat Nation)

¹Formerly the Ministry of Energy and Electrification

- Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation
- Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation
- Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation

On December 18, 2025, the OEB issued Procedural Order No. 1 set out a schedule for written discovery on Enbridge Gas's evidence and directed Enbridge Gas to file an updated ICR and any correspondence to Enbridge Gas from the Ministry regarding Enbridge Gas's consultation activities.

In accordance with Procedural Order No. 1, Enbridge Gas filed an updated ICR on January 16, 2026. OEB staff filed interrogatories on January 30, 2026 and Enbridge Gas filed interrogatory responses on February 13, 2026.

On February 25, 2026 the OEB issued Procedural Order No. 2 setting the dates for the filing of written submissions from OEB staff by March 13, 2026 and any reply submissions from Enbridge Gas by March 27, 2026.

Abeyance Request

The *Environmental Guidelines for Location, Construction and Operation of Hydrocarbon Pipelines and Facilities in Ontario* provide that prior to the record of the proceeding being closed, the Ministry will provide a letter (Letter of Opinion) to the applicant expressing its view on the adequacy of Indigenous consultation based on materials provided to the Ministry. The applicant is expected to file this letter with the OEB. To date the Letter of Opinion has not been filed.

Consistent with past practice², OEB staff submits that this proceeding should be placed into abeyance to allow for the Ministry's Letter of Opinion to be placed on the record. As noted earlier, as of the filing of this OEB staff letter of comment, Enbridge Gas has not filed the Ministry's Letter of Opinion. If any new information arises as a result of a further filing by Enbridge Gas related to the duty to consult, OEB staff may seek further examination and/or comment on the matter.

OEB Staff further submits that OEB Staff's submission and Enbridge Gas's reply to submission resume after the Ministry's Letter of Opinion has been filed.

² Washago Community Expansion Project (EB-2025-0271), Glendale Community Expansion Project (EB-2024-0325), and Mississauga Reinforcement Project (EB-2025-0073)

Yours truly,

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c: All Parties