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**VIA RESS AND EMAIL**

Ritchie Murray  
Registrar  
Ontario Energy Board  
2300 Yonge Street, Suite 2700  
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Dear Ritchie Murray:

**Re: Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas)  
Ontario Energy Board (OEB) File: EB-2023-0343  
East Gwillimbury Community Expansion Project (the Project)  
Procedural Order No. 5 – Enbridge Gas Response**

In the OEB's March 19, 2026, letter to Chief Kelly LaRocca of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN), the OEB invited MSIFN to clarify certain matters raised in the Appendix to the Ministry of Energy and Mines' (MEM) February 12, 2026, Letter of Opinion (the Letter of Opinion) in the above-noted proceeding. Specifically, the OEB requested assistance in clarifying four questions and requested that MSIFN file written responses to these questions, along with any additional comments regarding the Letter of Opinion and its Appendix, no later than April 1, 2026. As of the date of this letter, no response from MSIFN has been posted on the OEB's Regulatory Document Search site or received directly by Enbridge Gas.

In Procedural Order (PO) No. 5 in the above-noted proceeding, the OEB ordered that:

- 1) Enbridge Gas shall file a written response, if any, to the Ministry of Energy and Mines Letter of Opinion and response to any comments filed by the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation with the OEB and serve it on all parties and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, by April 8, 2026

As MSIFN has not yet filed comments or responses to the questions outlined in the OEB's March 19<sup>th</sup> letter, Enbridge Gas cannot provide any responding comments. However, Enbridge Gas would like to use this opportunity to offer the following comments on the Letter of Opinion and Appendix.

The Letter of Opinion very clearly concludes that the procedural aspects of the Crown's duty to consult delegated to and undertaken by Enbridge Gas in relation to the Project are satisfactory. The Appendix to this otherwise standard letter of opinion is distinct from the favourable opinion itself as evidenced by the MEM's explicit wording:

**“Separate from the opinion expressed in this letter, MEM would also like to bring to the attention of Enbridge several requests made of Enbridge by the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) during consultation on the Project that were also shared with MEM through direct communication with the community (see Appendix for details).”** (emphasis added)

Based on this framing, the MEM's favourable Letter of Opinion is not in any way contingent upon Enbridge Gas's responses to MSIFN's requests. That said, Enbridge Gas offers the

following responses and comments to the information contained within the Appendix to the Letter of Opinion:

Request 1:

*Should Leave to Construct (LTC) be granted to Enbridge on this Project, MSIFN requests that all documents and plans filed by Enbridge with the OEB after LTC is granted, be shared directly by Enbridge with MSIFN, per the commitment made by Enbridge to MSIFN during consultation on the Project and for future projects. MSIFN also requests Enbridge's Environmental Protection Plan for the Project and for future projects*

Enbridge Gas Response:

Enbridge Gas has committed to providing MSIFN with all documents and plans for the Project that are filed by Enbridge Gas with the OEB after the LTC approval is granted for the Project. Enbridge Gas has also committed to providing the Environmental Protection Plan for the Project.

Request 2:

*MSIFN requests, should LTC be granted for the Project, that during Project construction and fifteen months after Project in-service date, Enbridge engage in real-time mitigation and adaptive management (i.e. a flexible, responsive approach to mitigating potential environmental impacts, rather than relying only on pre-planned measures) with MSIFN and other interested First Nation communities that were consulted in respect of its Application, and that the same approach be taken for future projects.*

Enbridge Gas Response:

Enbridge Gas's approach to environmental protection for the Project employs a combination of pre-planned measures, while remaining flexible and responsive in real time to address potential impacts. Specifically for the Project, Enbridge expects that the planned mitigation measures will be sufficient to mitigate any potential environmental impacts. In accordance with its adaptive management practices, Enbridge Gas will continue to evaluate the effectiveness of these pre-planned measures both during and following construction. If it is determined that additional mitigation measures may be required to mitigate potential environmental impacts, Enbridge Gas will consider and employ these where warranted.

In addition, Enbridge Gas has invited MSIFN to participate in post-construction site visits. During these visits, MSIFN can provide feedback on the effectiveness of the mitigation measures employed, and Enbridge Gas will consider any feedback received regarding adaptive mitigation measures.

Request 3:

*MSIFN requests that Enbridge and MSIFN Consultation meet to discuss overarching matters related to Enbridge's consultation practices in general and in relation to future consultations, per the commitment made by Enbridge to MSIFN during consultation on the Project. One such overarching area relates to MSIFN's request to be engaged on a full project lifecycle approach for this Project and future projects, inclusive of post-construction restoration and monitoring and ongoing operations, reflecting a seven-generations planning perspective and long-term engagement.*

Enbridge Gas Response:

Enbridge Gas and MSIFN representatives met on February 18, 2026, to discuss overarching matters related to Enbridge Gas's consultation practices and environmental mitigations on Enbridge Gas projects generally. Enbridge Gas viewed the meeting as productive and there is now a plan for regularly scheduled meetings between MSIFN and Enbridge Gas representatives to facilitate lifecycle engagement on Enbridge Gas projects.

The East Gwillimbury Community Expansion Project is now more than one year past the date at which construction was targeted to begin.<sup>1</sup> Additional delays in an OEB decision could put yet another heating season at risk for the residents of this community that have requested gas service. With the MEM's favourable Letter of Opinion, supported by Enbridge Gas satisfying MSIFN's issues as outlined above, Enbridge Gas submits that the OEB can now move swiftly to a decision in this proceeding without any additional delays.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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Chief Kelly LaRocca (Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation)  
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<sup>1</sup> Exhibit D, Tab 2, Schedule 1, Updated 2024-08-30