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Dear Olatunbosun Ishola:

Re: Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas)
Merrickville-Wolford Community Expansion Project
OEB File Number: EB-2025-0323

Enbridge Gas applied to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on December 12, 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 Village of Merrickville-Wolford, in the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, Ontario.

On April 14, 2023, the Ministry of Energy and Mines[1] (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 identifying Algonquins of Ontario as a community to be consulted.

Two additional indigenous communities were subsequently included in the consultation:

- Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation
- Mohawk Council of Akwesasne

As part of its application, Enbridge Gas noted that it had provided its Indigenous Consultation Report (ICR) for the Project to the Ministry for its review. Enbridge Gas stated in its application that it expects to receive a Letter of Opinion from the Ministry as

[1] Formerly Ministry of Energy

to whether its consultation has been sufficient and that it will file this letter with the OEB once received.[2] As of this date, Enbridge Gas has not yet filed with the OEB a Letter of Opinion from the Ministry.

On April 8, 2026, OEB staff filed a letter, submitting that the proceeding should be placed into abeyance until the Ministry's Letter of Opinion is filed.

The OEB accepts OEB staff's submission that the proceeding should be placed into abeyance.

In accordance with the OEB's Protocol for Adjusting Adjudicative Timelines, the OEB hereby places Enbridge Gas's application in abeyance effective **April 14, 2026.** The OEB finds that placing the application in abeyance is necessary to provide additional time for consultation and for filing of the Ministry's Letter of Opinion.

Specifically, the OEB places the application in abeyance until the earlier of a period of 45 calendar days from the date of this issuance, or such date as the Ministry's Letter of Opinion is received by Enbridge Gas and submitted to the OEB for its review. In the latter case, the OEB will give written notice that the abeyance period has ended. The 45 calendar days period ends on **May 29, 2026**.

If after 45 days, the Ministry's Letter of Opinion is still pending, the OEB may extend the abeyance period or pursue another course of action.

Any questions relating to this application may be directed to the Case Manager, Arturo Lau at Arturo.Lau@gmail.com and OEB Counsel, Stephanie Pope at Stephanie.Pope@oeb.ca.

Yours truly,

Ritchie Murray

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[2] Application, Exhibit H, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Page 2, Item 7