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LETTER OF COMMENT

**RE: Enbridge Gas Inc.
Port Colborne Reinforcement Project
Ontario Energy Board File Number: EB-2025-0301**

April 22, 2026

To whom it may concern,

We are writing to express our support for Enbridge's Port Colborne Reinforcement Project, which is before the Ontario Energy Board for regulatory approval. This project will enable Asahi Kasei Battery Canada's new facility to connect to Enbridge's natural gas service network and is integral to a key economic development initiative in Ontario.

Asahi Kasei's facility will be the first of its kind in North America, producing battery separators – a critical component of electric vehicle and industrial-scale backup generation batteries. By closing a significant supply chain gap, this project will strengthen Ontario's competitive position during a period of considerable geopolitical and trade uncertainty.

The economic impact is substantial: over \$1.56 billion in capital investment, more than 300 new direct jobs, and significant secondary and tertiary benefits for the surrounding region.

We respectfully urge the Board to give consideration to taking any steps that in its view would be appropriate to expedite the hearing and determination of this matter. We are of the view that further delays would have significant and detrimental financial and implementation impacts to Asahi Kasei's investment project. We thank the Board and its staff for their continuing vigilance in these matters, and for considering the foregoing.

In closing, we appreciate the opportunity to address this matter through the submission of our letter of comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Khawar Nasim', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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