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Patricia Squires
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Dear Patricia Squires:

**Re: Extension of Abeyance
Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas)
Washago Community Expansion Project
OEB File Number: EB-2025-0271**

Enbridge Gas Inc. applied, pursuant to section 90(1) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act), for approval for leave to construct natural gas pipelines to serve the community of Washago and surrounding areas in the Township of Severn and the Town of Gravenhurst in Ontario.

One of the questions at issue for adjudication in this proceeding is whether the duty to consult and accommodate has been discharged. As of this date, Enbridge Gas has not yet filed with the OEB a Letter of Opinion from the Ministry of Energy and Mines (Ministry).

In accordance with the OEB's Protocol for Adjusting Adjudicative Timelines, the OEB previously placed Enbridge Gas's application in abeyance for a period of 45 calendar days, effective **March 5, 2026**. The 45 calendar days period ended on **April 20, 2026** and the Letter of Opinion is still pending as of that date.

The OEB extends the abeyance of the application by an additional 30 calendar days to provide additional time for consultation and for filing of the Ministry's Letter of Opinion. The 30 calendar days period will end on **May 22, 2026**.

If by May 22, 2026 the Ministry's Letter of Opinion is still pending, the OEB may extend the abeyance or pursue another course of action.

Any questions relating to this application may be directed to the Case Manager, Zora Crnojacki at Zora.Crnojacki@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, Michael Millar at Michael.Millar@oeb.ca.

Yours truly,

Ritchie Murray
Registrar

c: EGIRegulatoryProceedings@enbridge.com, Richard Lanni, Senior Legal Counsel,
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