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VIA EMAIL

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Re: Letter of Opinion – Washago Community Expansion Project

Dear Evan Tomek,

The Ontario Ministry of Energy and Mines (MEM) has completed its review of the consultation undertaken by Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge) with Indigenous communities for the proposed Washago Community Expansion Project (the Project) as it relates to Enbridge's leave to construct application (Ontario Energy Board File: EB-2025-0271) (Application).

MEM has reviewed the information provided by Enbridge to MEM and the materials filed with the Ontario Energy Board in respect of the Application. MEM has also communicated directly with Indigenous communities to further understand any potential impacts to Aboriginal and/or treaty rights from the Project as well as community feedback about satisfaction with Enbridge's response or proposed mitigation, where appropriate.

This letter is to advise Enbridge that, based on this review and outreach, MEM is of the opinion that the procedural aspects of the Crown's duty to consult delegated and undertaken by Enbridge for the Project in relation to its Application are satisfactory.

Enbridge must file this letter with the OEB and keep the summary of the consultation record up to date until the OEB renders its decision.

It is expected that Enbridge will continue its consultation or engagement activities, as appropriate, with Indigenous communities throughout the life of the Project, and that Enbridge will notify MEM should any rights-based concerns or issues arise during its consultation or engagement with communities.

If you have any questions about this letter or require any additional information, please contact me at 416-562-9492 or Shannon.McCabe@ontario.ca or Hilary Ferguson, Senior Advisor at Hilary.Ferguson@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "S McCabe".

Shannon McCabe
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c: Ontario Energy Board
Ontario Pipeline Coordinating Committee