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BY E-MAIL

December 18, 2008

Ms. Lesley Austin
Regulatory Coordinator
Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.
500 Consumers Road
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Dear Ms. Austin:

**Re: Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. ("Enbridge")
Application for Franchise Renewal for the Town of Whitby
Board File Number: EB-2008-0404 / EB-2008-0406**

This will acknowledge receipt on December 16, 2008 of Enbridge's application for:

1. an interim order to extend the term of the current franchise agreement with the Town of Whitby under Section 10 of the *Municipal Franchises Act* (the "Act"); and
2. approval of a franchise agreement with the Town of Whitby under Section 9 of the *Act*.

It is our understanding that the purpose of the interim order is to ensure franchise coverage for the Town of Whitby since the existing franchise agreement expires on January 16, 2009.

The Board has assigned file number EB-2008-0404 to the application for an interim Order and EB-2008-0406 to the application for approval of the franchise agreement. Please refer to these file numbers in all future correspondence to the Board regarding this matter.

Based on the Board's experience with applications of this nature, the Board expects that it will be able to process the application for an interim order as soon as possible and the application for approval of the franchise agreement on or about March 16, 2009.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Robert Caputo, Case Manager at 416-440-7632 or e-mail robert.caputo@oeb.gov.on.ca.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

John Pickernell
Assistant Board Secretary

c. Tania Persad, Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc