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September 6, 2019

**Re: EB-2019-0137 Consultation to Review Natural Gas Supply Plans  
Pollution Probe Interrogatories**

Dear Ms. Walli:

Please find enclosed Pollution Probe's Interrogatories for the above noted proceeding.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Pollution Probe.

Original signed by

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**Consultation to Review Natural Gas Supply Plans**

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**POLLUTION PROBE INTERROGATORIES**

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Below are the questions on the above noted proceeding from Pollution Probe.

Pollution Probe #1

[Page 5, Section 1.1]

Reference: “Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. (“EGD”) and Union Gas Limited (“Union”) requested the Board extend its deadline for the submission of five year gas supply plans until May 2019, to allow the gas utilities to prepare more complete submissions and maximize regulatory efficiency.”

Please provide a summary of the regulatory efficiencies and benefits to consumers included in the integrated 5 Year Gas Supply Plan?

Pollution Probe #2

[Page 5, Section 1.1]

Reference: “Public policy – The gas supply plan will be developed to ensure that it supports and is aligned with public policy where appropriate.”

- a) Three examples related to the consideration of public policy are included on Page 106. Please provide a list of all public policies that were specifically considered and how the gas supply plan supports them.
- b) Please indicate whether any of the following policy areas were considered and if so, how was the gas supply plan developed to support them.
  - Increased Distributed Energy Resources (DER)
  - Community Energy Planning
  - Integrated Resource Planning (IRP)
  - Increased Demand Side Management
  - Provincial Air Quality and Climate Change

Pollution Probe #3

[Page 106, Section 17]

Is there an opportunity to leverage other clean energy options such as hydrogen as part of the gas supply plan?

Pollution Probe #4

This gas supply plan represents the first integrated plan for the newly merged utility.

- a) Please provide a summary of utility gas transfer arrangements that are no longer required as a result of the merged utility and the benefits to Ratepayers for this efficiency.
- b) Please provide a summary of the costs and benefits to Ratepayers for maintaining separate EGD and Union rate zones throughout the five year deferred rebasing period.

Pollution Probe #5

[Page 107, Section 19]

- a) Please provide a summary of the consultation planned to engage stakeholders in the process referred to in Section 19 (Continuous Improvement Strategies).
- b) Please confirm that the utility intends to include the following considerations in the processes outlined in Section 19 (Continuous Improvement Strategies).
  - Increased Distributed Energy Resources (DER)
  - Community Energy Planning
  - Integrated Resource Planning (IRP)
  - Increased Demand Side Management
  - Provincial Air Quality and Climate Change

Pollution Probe #6

[Appendix E]

Canada's Changing Climate Report predicts significant weather-related trends that diverge from historical norms (reference: <https://changingclimate.ca/CCCR2019/>). Please indicate whether these factors were included in your analysis and modelling.

Pollution Probe #7

[Appendix J]

- a) Please provide the approach the utility uses to update its Performance Metrics and scorecard to respond to changes during the plan.
  
- b) Would the utility support adding “IRP alignment” and “Community Energy Plan alignment” to the public policy section of its scorecard? If not, please provide an explanation.