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Enbridge Gas Inc.
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Attention: Wayne Passmore

**RE: City of Hamilton (“City”) Letter of Support
Enbridge Gas Inc. City of Hamilton Natural Gas Expansion Projects
(“Projects”) for submission to the Ontario Energy Board; and, the Ministry of
Energy Natural Gas Expansion Program**

Dear Wayne,

The City’s interest in the five individual Projects relates to how it may impact the environmental and financial well-being of the municipality, as well as the health, safety and well-being of its inhabitants.

In review of these Projects for the expansion of natural gas services by Enbridge Gas Inc., to the Airport Employment Growth District and Red Hill Business Parks; and, the rural settlement areas of Rockton; Westover; Sheffield; and Alberton, be submitted to the Ontario Energy Board for application under the Ministry of Energy Natural Gas Expansion Program.

Accordingly, as per the Program Guidelines, **the City supports the expansion of natural gas services to the Airport Employment Growth District and Red Hill Business Parks; and, to the rural settlement areas of Rockton; Westover; Sheffield; and, Alberton. However, the City is not in a position to make any financial contributions to this Project**, as per the rationale documented below:

Rationale for No Financial Contribution:

Financial Concerns:

Staff was unable to document the financial implications of the individual Projects and requests for Financial Contribution, due to internal deadlines and availability of Council meetings.

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As such, the City was not provided sufficient time to complete a thorough financial analysis and evaluation of the potential implications of making a financial contribution to these projects.

In particular, albeit the City did receive mapping from Enbridge Gas Inc, additional information, including but not limited to, the type, length, and diameter of the pipeline, and the rate applied for property assessment purposes would be required together in consultation with the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) in order to validate the estimated property tax figure.

Natural Heritage Concerns; Source Water Protection Concerns; Cultural and Built Heritage Concerns; Municipal Infrastructure Concerns; and, Emergency Response.

In discussion with Enbridge Gas Inc., the preferred options and optimal route have not yet been established and will be completed should the Ministry approve a Grant for any of the five individual projects.

Accordingly, the City requests the opportunity under any project, to review and comment on any proposed options and / or routes; and potential conditions of approval, as part of any approval process, including, but not limited to, applications before the Ontario Energy Board.

Lastly, in the absence of a preferred option or route, the City was not provided sufficient time to evaluate partnering and the timing of project construction, in order to leverage other municipal works occurring along the same corridor for any of these projects.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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