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#### **VIA EMAIL AND COURIER**

Mr. John Zych Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street, Suite 2700 Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Mr. Zych:

Re: Board File No.: EB-2005-0551

Natural Gas Electricity Interface Review Issue II - Storage Regulation

Please find enclosed ten copies of Enbridge Inc.'s submission with respect to Issue II – Storage Regulation of the NGEIR proceeding.

Yours truly,

Robert J. Craig Director, Gas Storage Development

Cc: All participants and Interested Parties

## **NGEIR Submission on Issue II- Storage Regulation**

### Enbridge Inc. - May 1, 2006

- 1. Essentially all of the known, large, good and favorably located pinnacle reef pools in Ontario have been previously developed for gas storage by Union Gas Limited or Enbridge Gas Distribution (or its predecessor Tecumseh Gas Storage Limited.)
- 2. More recent storage capacity additions have come from developing smaller pools or from pressure enhancements to previously developed pools.
- 3. In an effort to locate more gas storage, Enbridge Inc. under an unregulated company, Enbridge Energy Distribution Inc. (EEDI), has undertaken some exploration, evaluation and pool development activity in Ontario over the last several years.
- 4. While to this point this activity has not lead to the development of any new gas storage, at this point, this effort continues with the hope of a successful outcome in the future.
- All of this activity has been and will continue to be conducted by EEDI at EEDI's sole cost and risk.
- 6. Subject to identifying a sufficient level of gas storage space in one or more pools and to acceptable economics, EEDI's current intention is to bring applications to the Board for storage designation, development and operation.
- 7. EEDI intends to undertake any such storage development totally independent from and at arms length to EGD without any cross subsidy or preferred status from EGD or its customers.
- 8. EEDI believes that market rates will be required to support the costs of any such new storage development and believes it is appropriate that competitive market forces be the determinant as to if, or when, any such new storage development is undertaken.
- 9. In this regard EEDI would expect to be treated no different than any independent third party storage developer in Ontario.
- 10. With respect to market power, on an independent basis and given the independent nature of any such storage development, EEDI would not have any storage market power and with no market power, EEDI would be seeking forbearance from economic regulation for such new storage development.
- 11. To encourage the pursuit and development of new storage projects in Ontario and to ensure such new projects remain viable, EEDI believes the current situation of a mixture of cost and market based storage being available in the Ontario storage marketplace should be addressed.
- 12. In this regard, EEDI believes that a level playing field is needed between existing and new storage in order to provide a sufficient and lasting incentive to develop new storage in Ontario,

including storage in some of the smaller, more difficult and more remote pools.

13. EEDI believes this action will serve to encourage the entry of new storage developers in this Province thereby increasing the level and type of competitive storage service offerings to Ontario customers.

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1974 – 1989: The Consumers' Gas Company Ltd.

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EBRO 212/213 EBRLG 35/35-1/35-3 **EBRO 492** EBRO 434/414-3 EBRO 198 **EBRLG 29-11** EBRO 414 **EBRO 197 EBRM 112 EBRO 406 EBRO 196 EBRM 108 EBRO 403 EBRO 147 EBRO 394 EBLO 269 EBLO 258 EBRO 385 EBRO 365 EBLO 224**