

OGA INTERROGATORY #5

INTERROGATORY

*Issue 1.2 - Should the new business activity – Geothermal Energy Service Program – be considered as part of the utility’s regulated business?<sup>1</sup>*

Reference: Ex. B, Tab 1, Schedule 1, p. 27-30 & Appendix 11

Please recalculate the profitability index for the proposed geothermal program including the benefits from avoided carbon emissions and costs.

Please provide two figures – one including all avoided carbon costs and another including only the avoided carbon costs associated with reduced natural gas usage.

RESPONSE

Enbridge does not believe that this is an appropriate way to calculate a profitability index under the approach set out in EBO 188 as the avoided carbon costs are only attributable to GES program participants, and not to all ratepayers.

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<sup>1</sup> Note that these interrogatories also relate to issue 2.3 - Are the services fees for the Geothermal Energy Service Program reasonable and appropriate?