



January 8, 2013

The Honourable Jim Bradley,
Minister of the Environment,
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Dear Minister Bradley,

Enbridge Pipelines Inc. (Enbridge), applied on November 29, 2012 to the National Energy Board (NEB) to reverse the flow of Line 9B from Hamilton to Montreal, increase the capacity of Lines 9A and 9B from Sarnia to Montreal, and to modify the tariff on Lines 9A and 9B to carry all forms of oil including diluted bitumen.

On December 19, 2012, the NEB determined Enbridge's application complete and ready to proceed to assessment, and also determined there will be a public hearing for this project consisting of written evidence and oral final argument.

The Environment and Socio-Economic Impact Assessment provided by Enbridge for the NEB application only covers the immediate terminal construction areas and not general operating factors along the pipeline right-of-way between terminals.

Given the age of the pipeline (38 years), the plan to increase the capacity from 240,000 to 300,000 barrels per day through the use of a drag reducing agent, and the variety of crude products to be carried over the next decades, BurlingtonGreen believes that these new uses of the pipeline could pose a significant risk of spills to the Niagara Escarpment aquifer and headwaters of streams feeding into Lake Ontario, the potable water source for most of the communities along its shores.

We therefore ask that you exercise your authority under the Environmental Assessment Act to recommend to the Ontario Cabinet that a designation regulation be granted to require Enbridge to prepare an environmental assessment for this project to assure all communities along the 830 kilometer right-of-way that the integrity of the pipeline is adequate and that risks can be mitigated to the extent possible.

We believe that this project meets the three criteria for a provincial environmental assessment – the nature of the project, the potential for significant environmental effects, and the level of public interest – and encourage you to recommend the designation regulation.

Best regards,

Ken Woodruff,
President,
BurlingtonGreen