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Dear President Dolan,

As you know, on May 18, 2026, Enbridge announced an “Open Season” to gauge market interest in two offerings, one of which is access to flexible natural gas transportation and storage delivery services. I write to encourage you and your members to evaluate the short-term fuel supply options and consider contracts that would meaningfully lower all customers’ bills while also reducing the region’s reliance on higher-cost and higher-polluting fuel oil during winter peak periods. If your members are not considering securing peak gas supply options, I request that you provide me with the reasoning behind the decision.

As demonstrated this past winter, wholesale electricity price spikes on the coldest days can add millions of dollars to customers’ bills and increase emissions. When temperatures drop and demand for natural gas to heat buildings goes up, there is less gas to go around. Dual fuel power plants that normally run on gas may switch to expensive and dirty backup fuel oil. When these plants run on fuel oil, the price of electricity increases for everyone. Reducing our reliance on fuel oil on cold winter days could lower costs and emissions and increase reliability of the energy system. One option for doing so is for gas-fired power plants to enter into contracts that would ensure that they have natural gas available to them on the coldest days of the year when supply and pricing constraints would otherwise result in generators switching to oil.

As power generators, the choices you make have a direct impact on electricity prices and our energy mix. In our competitive wholesale market, generators influence costs, reliability, fuel choices, and environmental outcomes. If this Open Season provides contracting options that

would improve regional reliability, lower costs, and reduce reliance on dirty and expensive fuel oil, it is imperative that you consider them.

As the Open Season closes on July 2, 2026, I would appreciate an update on your members' consideration of the Open Season offerings by June 22.

Sincerely,

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Rebecca Tepper
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