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November 8, 2012

Mr. Ralph Dollhopf  
Federal On-Scene Coordinator and Incident Commander  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
801 Garfield Avenue, #229  
Traverse City, MI 49686

RE: In the Matter of Enbridge Energy Partners, L.P., *et al*,  
*Docket No. CWA 1321-5-10-001*

Dear Mr. Dollhopf:

Icing conditions have been observed and documented in the daily Situation Photo Log at numerous locations along the Kalamazoo River. As noted in Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership (Enbridge) November 2, 2012 response to the Letter and Proposed Order issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the containment must now be removed for the following reasons:

- This configuration was designed to be removed prior to ice formation/flow within the river system. Any amount of ice movement/buildup within the flowing sections of the river will cause significant damage and possible "tear out" of the containment system.
- Significant ice movement in the area around the system would likely result in catastrophic failure of the system.
- Creation of an ice jam in this area poses severe downstream safety issues and possible back water effects.
- Maintenance of the system during frozen conditions creates safety hazards.

It is Enbridge's intent to remove the E 4.0 Containment System prior to the onset of additional ice formation. We anticipate that the removal of the E 4.0 Containment System will commence on or about November 14, 2012 and take approximately 10 days to complete.

We also understand the need to complete a bathymetry study prior to removal in order to evaluate potential sediment movement and/or deposition in proximity to the structure. For this reason Enbridge will be mobilizing additional resources to execute the study in a coordinated manner in advance of each sections removal.

Please contact myself or Enbridge's Incident Commander, John Sobojinski, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

ENBRIDGE ENERGY, LIMITED  
*PARTNERSHIP*  
*By Enbridge Pipelines (Lakehead) L.L.C.*  
*It's General Partner*

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*Richard Adams*  
Vice President, U.S. Field Operations

CC: John Sobojinski, Enbridge  
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