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The following is an email to employees prepared by Enbridge Inc.

Sent to all Enbridge team members enterprise-wide

Colleagues,

2018 has been a very busy year at Enbridge and we ve made great progress on the priorities we rolled out last December. We ve executed on three big deals to sell \$7.5 B of non-core assets; we got approval for Line 3 in Minnesota; and our core businesses continue to fire on all cylinders, delivering strong financial results so far this year. And through that, we continued to serve our customers with safe, reliable operations, which is what it s all about at Enbridge.

The progress we ve made on these fronts has been achieved through enormous effort from all of you. I m proud of the Enbridge team and grateful to all of you!

Today, we moved one step closer to another key priority, which is to simplify our structure. In May, we announced proposals to buy-in all four of our sponsored vehicles and we ve now reached an agreement with Spectra Energy Partners (SEP) to acquire all of its outstanding units. You can read the announcement on the media section of our website, but here is a snap shot.

It s an all-share transaction, which means that SEP s unitholders will receive Enbridge shares so they ll enjoy the future upside of being ENB shareholders. The deal is worth C\$4.3 B and we expect it to close in the fourth quarter.

This is a very good outcome for Enbridge because we re adding more of what we already own, which we believe are the best infrastructure assets in the business. The deal will further strengthen our financial position, simplify our corporate structure and reduce administrative burden for our people.

For the vast majority of employees, today s announcement will have little impact on your day-to-day jobs, as Enbridge will continue to operate the assets as we do now.

Thanks to those of you who have worked on and supported this important project.

Have a look at the Q&A below for more information.

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### **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

### What are the sponsored vehicles? Why were they formed?

Enbridge formed its sponsored vehicles as an alternate means to access low-cost capital to fund growth of the enterprise. EEP was formed in 1991, EEQ followed in 2002, ENF in 2010 and SEP was acquired through the Spectra merger. The sponsored vehicle structure has helped us grow to become North America s largest infrastructure company.

### Why do we have so many sponsored vehicles?

Each sponsored vehicle served its purpose, and was formed to optimize Enbridge s funding strategy to support growth of the enterprise.

#### Why are the sponsored vehicles being brought back into Enbridge?

Over the last few years the landscape around sponsored vehicles has changed, and it has become increasingly difficult for them to access low-cost capital which is their primary purpose. As a result, one of the strategic priorities outlined in Dec. 2017 was to assess the potential streamlining and simplification of the corporate structure.

### What is an MLP?

A Master Limited Partnership (MLP) is a U.S. corporate structure that became popular in the energy sector as it combines the tax benefits of a limited partnership with the liquidity of publicly traded securities. To obtain the tax benefits, MLPs must generate the majority of their income from qualifying sources such as transportation [en.wikipedia.org] of natural resources.

### Is this a change to our strategy?

No. In our three-year plan we emphasized several priorities, one of which was to assess potential streamlining and simplification of our structure.

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#### **Forward-Looking Statements**

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expected synergies and shareholder value to result from the combined company, the expected levels of cash distributions by SEP with respect to its common units, the expected levels of dividends by Enbridge to its shareholders, the expected financial results of Enbridge, SEP and their affiliates, future credit ratings, financial condition and business strategy of Enbridge, SEP and their affiliates.

Although SEP and Enbridge believe these forward-looking statements are reasonable based on the information available on the date such statements are made and processes used to prepare the information, such statements are not guarantees of future performance and readers are cautioned against placing undue reliance on forward-looking statements. By their nature, these statements involve a variety of assumptions, known and unknown risks and uncertainties and other factors, which may cause actual results, levels of activity and achievements to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such statements. Material assumptions include assumptions about the following: the expected supply of and demand for crude oil, natural gas, natural gas liquids ( NGL ) and renewable energy; prices of crude oil, natural gas, NGL and renewable energy; exchange rates; inflation; interest rates; availability and price of labor and construction materials; operational reliability; customer and regulatory approvals; maintenance of support and regulatory approvals for projects; anticipated in-service dates; weather; the timing and closing of dispositions; the realization of anticipated benefits and synergies of the Proposed Merger; governmental legislation; acquisitions and the timing thereof; the success of integration plans; impact of capital project execution on future cash flows; credit ratings; capital project funding; expected earnings; expected future cash flows; and estimated future dividends. Assumptions regarding the expected supply of and demand for crude oil, natural gas, NGL and renewable energy, and the prices of these commodities, are material to and underlie all forward-looking statements, as they may impact current and future levels of demand for SEP s and Enbridge s services. Similarly, exchange rates, inflation and interest rates impact the economies and business environments and may impact levels of demand for SEP s and Enbridge s services and cost of inputs, and are therefore inherent in all forward-looking statements. Due to the interdependencies and correlation of these macroeconomic factors, the impact of any one assumption on a forward-looking statement cannot be determined with certainty, particularly with respect to the impact of the Proposed Merger, expected earnings and cash flow or estimated future dividends. The most relevant assumptions associated with forward-looking statements on announced projects and projects under construction, including estimated completion dates and expected capital expenditures, include the following: the availability and price of labor and construction materials; the effects of inflation and foreign exchange rates on labour and material costs; the effects of interest rates on borrowing costs; the impact of weather and customer, government and regulatory approvals on construction and in-service schedules and cost recovery regimes.

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forward-looking statements, are described under the headings Risk Factors and Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Information in Enbridge s 2017 Form 10-K, filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and Canadian securities regulators on February 16, 2018, SEP s 2017 Form 10-K, filed with the SEC on February 16, 2018, and in Enbridge s and SEP s respective other filings made with the SEC and Canadian securities regulators, which are available via the SEC s website at www.sec.gov and at www.sedar.com, as applicable. In light of these risks, uncertainties and assumptions, the events described in the forward-looking statements might not occur or might occur to a different extent or at a different time than Enbridge or SEP has described. All forward-looking statements in this release are made as of the date hereof and neither Enbridge nor SEP undertakes any obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements in this release, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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