



EB-2017-0238

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.

**Application for franchise agreement with and certificate
of public convenience and necessity for the Township of
Laurentian Valley**

INTERIM ORDER

August 24, 2017

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. (Enbridge Gas) filed an application on June 12, 2017, seeking an order granting approval for a franchise agreement with, and a certificate of public convenience and necessity for, the Township of Laurentian Valley (the Application). The Township of Laurentian Valley was formed on January 1, 2000, through the amalgamation of the former Township of Alice & Fraser and the former Townships of Stafford and Pembroke.

Pending the Ontario Energy Board's (OEB) final determination on the Application, Enbridge Gas also seeks an interim order extending Enbridge Gas' franchise agreement with the former Townships of Stafford and Pembroke (By-law 26-09-97, dated September 3, 1997) past its expiry date of September 3, 2017.

The OEB accepts Enbridge Gas' request for the interim order. Pursuant to section 10(4) of the *Municipal Franchises Act*, Enbridge Gas' franchise rights within the Township of Laurentian Valley, as they pertain to the former Townships of Stafford and Pembroke, are continued until such time that the OEB makes a final determination on the Application. This interim order is made without prejudice and should not be construed as predictive, in any way whatsoever, in regards to the OEB's final determination on the Application.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The municipal franchise agreement between Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. and the Townships of Stafford and Pembroke dated September 3, 1997 is continued until such time that the OEB makes a final determination on the application filed by Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. dated June 12, 2017 (for a franchise agreement with, and certificate of public and convenience for, the Township of Laurentian Valley).

DATED at Toronto, August 24, 2017

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

By delegation, before: Pascale Duguay

Original signed by

Pascale Duguay
Manager, Application Policy and Climate Change