



**EB-2011-0391**

**IN THE MATTER OF** the *Ontario Energy Board Act*,  
1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15 (Schedule B);

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** the *Public Utilities Act*,  
R.S.O. 1990, c.P-52;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** the *Expropriations Act*,  
R.S.O. 1990, c. E-26;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an application by Enbridge  
Gas Distribution Inc. for a declaration and order(s) to  
expropriate land for the purposes of a natural gas  
distribution main in the City of Welland in the Region  
of Niagara.

### **PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1**

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. ("Enbridge") filed an application (the "Application"), dated November 29, 2011, with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") for a declaration and order(s) to recognize existing rights and to expropriate certain lands for the purposes of continuing to operate a natural gas distribution main in the City of Welland ("Welland"). The Board has assigned File No. EB-2011-0391 to the Application.

The Application relates to approximately 2800 metres of an existing Nominal Pipe Size ("NPS") 12 Extra High Pressure ("XHP") steel gas main that crosses under the Welland Canal (the "NPS 12 pipeline") near Townline Tunnel Road and approximately 365 metres of an existing NPS 8 XHP steel gas main on the west side of the Welland Canal (the "NPS 8 pipeline") (together the "Pipelines"). The NPS 8 pipeline was constructed in 1972 to provide natural gas to the City of Port

Colborne. The NPS 12 pipeline was constructed in 1975 to provide natural gas to the Town of Fort Erie.

A description of the lands affected by the Pipelines and that are the subject of this proceeding (the “subject lands”) is as follows:

- (a) Part of Lots 21, 22 and 23 Concession 5, and part of the allowance for road between Lots 22 and 23 (closed by By-law 414) now in the City of Welland (formerly the geographic Township of Humberstone) in the Regional Municipality of Niagara being Parts 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Reference No. 11-12-209-00-B;
- (b) Part of Lots 20 and 21, Concession 5, and Part of the allowance for road between Lots 20 and 21 (closed by By-law 4337, Inst. 90236B) now in the City of Welland (formerly the geographic Township of Humberstone) in the Regional Municipality of Niagara being Parts 1, 2, and 3 of Reference No. 11-12-209-00-C;
- (c) Part of Lots 16, 17, 18 and 19, Concession 5, and part of the Road Allowance between Lots 16 and 17 and Part of the Road Allowance between lots 18 and 19 (closed by By-law 4350 Inst. R0185603), Concession 5, formerly Geographic Township of Humberstone now in the City of Welland, Regional Municipality of Niagara designated as Parts 1 and 2 on Reference No. 11-12-209-00-D;
- (d) Part of Lot 16, Concession 5, (formerly the geographic Township of Humberstone) now in the City of Welland in the Regional Municipality of Niagara being Part 1 of Reference No. 11-12-209-00-E.

When the Pipelines were constructed, the subject lands were owned by the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority (the “SLSA”). At that time, the SLSA entered into license agreements with the Consumers’ Gas Company (Enbridge’s predecessor) giving the gas utility certain rights to install, operate, maintain, and replace the Pipelines. The subject lands were later transferred from the St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation (the successor to the SLSA) to the

Canada Lands Corporation CLC Limited. The subject lands have since been transferred to private individuals.

Enbridge has requested that the Board recognize its existing legal rights and interest in the subject lands as set out in the *Public Utilities Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.P-52.

Enbridge has requested that the Board issue an Order:

- 1) For a declaration that Enbridge has certain rights and interest in the subject lands;
- 2) For a declaration that Enbridge is not trespassing on the subject lands;
- 3) Expropriating an easement over the subject lands in favour of Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. and any successors, assigns, servants or agents thereof, in perpetuity to survey, remove trees, clear, lay, construct, install, operate, use, inspect, remove, renew, replace, alter, enlarge, reconstruct, repair, expand, maintain pipelines and all works, appurtenances, attachments, apparatus, appliances, markers, fixtures and equipment; and
- 4) Convening a settlement conference at the earliest opportunity.

The Board issued the Notice of Application on January 4, 2012. Group IV Solar Corp. ("Group IV Solar") requested intervenor status and the Regional Municipality of Niagara requested observer status. Group IV Solar did not request cost award eligibility. No objections were received regarding the requests for intervenor or observer status.

The Board has determined that Group IV Solar will be granted intervenor status and the Regional Municipality of Niagara will be granted observer status.

### **Scope of the Expropriation Proceeding**

The Board derives its authority to deal with matters of expropriation under section 99 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*. Sub-section 99 (5) provides that, if after the hearing, the Board is of the opinion that the expropriation of the land is in the

public interest, it may make an order authorizing the applicant to expropriate the land. As indicated in the Notice of Application, the Board does not have the authority to determine the amount of compensation payable. Compensation amounts are determined through a separate process under the *Expropriations Act*.

The Board has decided to proceed with this case by way of an oral hearing.

The Board considers it necessary to make provision for the following procedural matters. Please be aware that further procedural orders may be issued from time to time.

**THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:**

1. Intervenors and Board staff who wish information from Enbridge that is in addition to the evidence filed with the Board, and that is relevant to and within the scope of the hearing, shall request it by written interrogatories filed with the Board and delivered to Enbridge on or before **March 16, 2012**.
2. Enbridge shall file with the Board complete responses to the interrogatories and deliver them to the Intervenors on or before **March 23, 2012**.
3. Intervenors who wish to present evidence shall file that evidence with the Board, with a copy to all other parties, on or before **April 6, 2012**.
4. The Board will hold an oral hearing at 2300 Yonge Street, 25<sup>th</sup> Floor, Toronto on **April 20, 2012** at 9:30 a.m.

All filings to the Board must quote the file number, **EB-2011-0391**, be made through the Board's web portal at <https://www.errr.ontarioenergyboard.ca>, and consist of two paper copies and one electronic copy in searchable / unrestricted PDF format. Filings must clearly state the sender's name, postal address and telephone number, fax number and e-mail address. Parties must use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guideline found at <http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry>. If the web portal is not available parties may email their documents to the address below. Those who

do not have internet access are required to submit all filings on a CD in PDF format, along with two paper copies. Those who do not have computer access are required to file 7 paper copies.

All communications should be directed to the attention of the Board Secretary at the address below, and be received no later than 4:45 p.m. on the required date.

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**DATED** at Toronto March 5, 2012  
**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

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