



Board staff Interrogatories

Application for licences to drill wells in the Kimball-Colinville Designated Storage Area

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.
EB-2012-0060
May 11, 2012

1. Ref: EB-2012-0060 Application and Evidence, February 15, 2012/Cover Letter

Enbridge indicated that it has applied to the Ministry of Natural Resources for permission to drill four observation wells within the Kimball-Colinville designated storage area.

Observation wells are generally used to monitor the gas content and pressure in the underground storage area.

- a) Please confirm that the proposed four observation wells will be used to monitor the gas content and pressure in the underground storage area.
- b) Please elaborate on any additional purposes for drilling these observation wells beyond those identified in part a).
- c) What is the condition of the observation wells currently operating in the Kimball-Colinville storage area with respect to the wells' ability to carry out the purposes identified in parts a) and b) of this interrogatory?
- d) Please identify the incremental benefits of drilling and subsequently operating the four proposed observation wells over the observation wells already in operation in the Kimball-Colinville storage area.
- e) Please explain why Enbridge is seeking permission to drill these observation wells at this time as apposed to an earlier or later date.
- f) Please provide rationale and reasons for drilling the proposed wells.

2. Ref: EB-2012-0060 Application and Evidence, February 15, 2012, Letter to Ministry of Natural Resources dated February 14, 2012; Section 40 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15 (schedule B).

Enbridge indicated that "It is our hope to start the drilling of the wells by March 15, 2012."

- a) Please confirm that Enbridge has not begun to drill the proposed wells.
- b) Given the procedural timeline for granting a licence to drill the proposed wells, has Enbridge modified its expected start date for the drilling of the observation wells? If so, please provide the new expected start date for the drilling the proposed wells.
- c) What is the expected completion date of the drilling procedure that corresponds to Enbridge's response to part a) of this interrogatory?

3. Ref: EB-2012-0060 Application and Evidence, February 15, 2012: Attachment 1/Section 4.1/ Site Preparation; Attachment 2/Section 4.1/ Site Preparation; Attachment 3/Section 4.1/ Site Preparation; Attachment 4/Section 4.1/ Site Preparation

In the pre-filed evidence Enbridge described site preparation for the drilling of each of the proposed wells including stripping and properly stockpiling all soil from the lease, cutting, blocking and diverting drainage tiles as required, and constructing adequate berms and access roads as required.

- a) Does Enbridge expect to construct any new access roads in order to drill and operate the proposed wells? If so, has Enbridge notified the affected landowners of its plans?
- b) Site preparation, construction and well drilling activities may lead to adverse impacts on landowners such as damage to soil, crop losses, and other disruptions. Please provide a list of potential adverse impacts of Enbridge's proposed well drilling activities on affected landowners.
- c) Please provide a list of potential environmental impacts from drilling and operating the proposed observation wells.
- d) Please provide potential mitigation activities for each adverse impact on the environment and land owners listed in parts b) and c) of this interrogatory.

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- a) Please discuss Enbridge's approach to compensate affected landowners for any crop losses or any other damages to their property?
- b) Please describe implementation of processes or procedures to ensure that landowners are able to express their complaints/comments related to the well drilling activities to Enbridge?