



EB-2017-0267

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.

**Application for franchise agreement with and certificate
of public convenience and necessity for the
Township of Rideau Lakes**

INTERIM ORDER

August 3, 2017

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. (Enbridge Gas) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on July 13, 2017 under section 9 of the *Municipal Franchises Act, 1990* for an order renewing Enbridge Gas' franchise rights within the Township of Rideau Lakes.

The Township of Rideau Lakes was formed on January 1, 1998 by amalgamating the former Township of North Crosby, the former Township of South Crosby, the former Township of Bastard and South Burgess, the former Township of South Elmsley and the former Village of Newboro. Enbridge Gas currently serves approximately 272 billed customers within the area of the Township of Rideau Lakes that was formerly the Township of South Elmsley. Enbridge Gas serves this area pursuant to a franchise agreement (By-law 97-21, dated August 6, 1997) that is set to expire on August 6, 2017 (the "Franchise Agreement").¹

Enbridge Gas seeks an interim order of the OEB extending the term of the Franchise Agreement until such time as the OEB reaches a decision on the application.

¹ Enbridge Gas also holds a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate works and add to the works for the distribution of gas in the geographical area comprising the former Township of South Elmsley (F.B.C. 181, dated February 10, 1958).

The OEB accepts Enbridge Gas' request for an extension. It is necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding. The OEB may issue further procedural orders from time to time.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The municipal gas franchise agreement between Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. and the Township of South Elmsley dated August 6, 1997 is continued until such time that the OEB makes a final determination on the application. This order is made without prejudice to, and should not be construed as predictive of, in any way whatsoever, the OEB's final determination in on the application.

DATED at Toronto, August 3, 2017

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

By delegation, before: Pascale Duguay

Original signed by

Pascale Duguay
Manager, Application Policy and Climate Change