

September 8, 2017

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street
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Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: EB-2017-0147 – Application by Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. to Serve Fenelon Falls

I am a consultant to the Consumers Council of Canada (“Council”). I have been instructed by my client to intervene in the proceeding to consider the Application by Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. (“Enbridge”) to the Ontario Energy Board seeking approval to construct natural gas pipelines to serve the community of Fenelon Falls. The application is also seeking approval of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the City of Kawartha Lakes. In addition, Enbridge is seeking approval for a System Expansion Surcharge. The Council is a public-interest entity which represents the interests of residential consumers in Ontario. The Board’s order in this proceeding will ultimately impact the rates that residential consumers pay for the delivery of natural gas.

On October 17, 2016, the Council filed with the Board, pursuant to Rule 22.03 of the Ontario Energy Board’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, a document describing the Council, its mandate and objectives, membership, the constituency represented, and the types of activities the Council carries out. In addition, we provided a list of the individuals authorized to represent the Council in Board proceedings.

The nature and scope of the Council’s intended participation in the proceeding will be the following:

1. To test the Applicants’ evidence;
2. To assess any proposals and approvals sought that have been set out in the Application that may impact natural gas residential ratepayers;
3. To assess how the Application should be considered in the context of the Ontario Energy Board’s framework for natural gas expansion as determined in the EB-2016-0004 proceeding; and
4. To participate in the various stages of the proceeding which may include an interrogatory process, a technical conference, a settlement conference and an oral hearing.

The Council intends to ask for an order of costs in this proceeding. The Council has participated in many Ontario natural gas applications over a long period of time. In all of those proceedings the Council has been recognized as being eligible for an award of costs. In the absence of an award of costs the Council would be unable to participate in this proceeding.

Copies of all Board Notices, all correspondence and hard copies of the Applicant’s evidence should be sent to:

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Please let us know if any further information from the Council is required at this time.

Yours truly,

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CC: M. Buonaguro, Counsel
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