



EB-2017-0086

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.

**Application for natural gas distribution, transmission and storage rates
commencing January 1, 2018**

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1
October 25, 2017**

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. (Enbridge Gas) filed an application dated September 25, 2017 (updated October 5, 2017) with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) under section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, S.O. 1998, c.15*, (Schedule B) for an order or orders approving rates for 2018.

Enbridge Gas updated its 2018 rates application in accordance with the OEB's Letter of Direction, dated October 16, 2017. In the letter, the OEB directed Enbridge to remove its cap-and-trade related proposals from its application and re-file those proposals (and related evidence) in a standalone proceeding¹.

The OEB issued a Notice of Hearing on October 16, 2017. The last date for intervention was October 23, 2017. The following parties applied for intervenor status:

- Association of Power Producers of Ontario (APPrO)
- Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA)
- Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters (CME)
- Consumers Council of Canada (CCC)
- Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe)
- Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario (FRPO)
- Industrial Gas Users Association (IGUA)
- Ontario Association of Physical Plant Administrators (OAPPA)
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)
- TransCanada PipeLines Ltd.
- Union Gas Limited
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)

¹ EB-2017-0319.

APPRO, BOMA, CME, CCC, Energy Probe, FRPO, IGUA, OAPPA, SEC, and VECC also applied for cost award eligibility.

No objections were received regarding the requests for intervenor status or cost eligibility.

All parties that requested intervenor status in this proceeding are granted intervenor status. The list of intervenors in this proceeding is attached as Schedule A to this procedural order.

APPRO, BOMA, CME, CCC, Energy Probe, FRPO, IGUA, OAPPA, SEC, and VECC are each eligible to apply for an award of costs under the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*. Intervenors are reminded that the Notice of Hearing listed the matters that would be considered for cost awards in this proceeding. Cost eligible intervenors should also be aware that the OEB will not generally allow the recovery of costs for the attendance of more than one representative of any party, unless a compelling reason is provided when cost claims are filed. The OEB also expects that intervenors will combine their interventions with those of similarly interested parties, will co-operate with all other parties to the extent possible and will be mindful to avoid duplication.

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. OEB staff that requires information and material from Enbridge that is in addition to Enbridge Gas' evidence, and that is relevant to the hearing, shall request it by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and delivered to Enbridge Gas and all intervenors by **October 31, 2017**.
2. Intervenors that require information and material from Enbridge Gas that is in addition to Enbridge Gas' evidence, and that is relevant to the hearing, shall request it by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and delivered to Enbridge Gas and all intervenors by **November 3, 2017**.
3. Enbridge Gas shall file with the OEB complete responses to the interrogatories and deliver them to the intervenors and OEB staff by **November 13, 2017**.
4. Unless otherwise ordered by the OEB, a settlement conference will be convened on **November 16, 2017 and November 17, 2017**. The settlement conference will be held in the OEB's hearing room at 2300 Yonge Street, 25th Floor, Toronto.

5. Any settlement proposal arising from the settlement conference shall be filed with the OEB by **November 24, 2017**. Any settlement proposal filed, whether complete or partial, shall include a draft rate order with recommendations on whether the rate order should be interim or final. If the settlement proposal is a partial settlement, the outstanding or disputed issues shall be scoped and well-defined, with a recommendation for hearing the issues orally or by written submission.
6. If a settlement proposal is filed, OEB staff's submission on the settlement proposal shall be filed with the OEB and served on all parties within **2 days** of the date that the settlement proposal is filed.
7. If there is no settlement proposal arising from the settlement conference, Enbridge Gas shall file a statement to that effect with the OEB by **November 24, 2017**.
8. The oral hearing will commence on **December 1, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.** in the OEB's hearing room at 2300 Yonge Street, 25th Floor, Toronto for the purposes of presenting any settlement proposal and if required, for the consideration of dates in respect of any outstanding or disputed issues.

All filings to the OEB must quote the file number, **EB-2017-0086** and be made electronically in searchable/unrestricted PDF format through the OEB's web portal at <https://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/>. Two paper copies must also be filed. 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 <https://www.oeb.ca/industry>. If the web portal is not available, parties may email their documents to the address below.

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.

With respect to distribution lists for all electronic correspondence and materials related to this proceeding, parties must include the Case Manager, Lawrie Gluck at lawrie.gluck@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, October 25, 2017

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

By delegation, before: Kristi Sebalj

Original signed by

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Schedule A

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