



EB-2017-0286

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.

**Application for franchise agreement with and certificate of
public convenience and necessity for the
Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands**

INTERIM ORDER

November 29, 2017

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. (Enbridge Gas) filed an application on August 22, 2017, seeking an order approving its municipal franchise agreement with, and granting a certificate of public convenience and necessity for, the Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands. The Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands was formed on January 1, 2000, through the amalgamation of the former Township of Front of Escott, the former Township of Rear of Leeds and Landsdowne, and the former Township of Front of Leeds and Landsdowne.

Pending the Ontario Energy Board's (OEB) final determination on the application, Enbridge Gas also seeks an interim order extending its franchise agreement with the former Township of Front of Leeds and Landsdowne (By-law 55-97, dated December 1, 1997) past its expiry date of December 1, 2017.

The OEB accepts Enbridge Gas' request for an interim order. Pursuant to section 10(4) of the *Municipal Franchises Act*, the OEB will extend Enbridge Gas' franchise rights within the Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands, as they pertain to the former Township of Front of Leeds and Landsdowne, until such time that the OEB makes a final determination on the application. This interim order is made without prejudice and should not be construed as predictive, in any way whatsoever, in regards to the OEB's final determination on the application.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The municipal franchise agreement between Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. and the Township of Front of Leeds and Landsdowne dated December 1, 1997 is continued until such time that the OEB makes a final determination on Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.'s application dated August 22, 2017 (for approval of the franchise agreement with, and certificate of public convenience and necessity for, the Township of Leeds and Thousand Islands).

DATED at Toronto, November 29, 2017

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

By delegation, before: Pascale Duguay

Original signed by

Pascale Duguay
Manager, Application Policy and Climate Change