

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. has applied to renew its natural gas franchise agreement with the City of Brockville.

Learn more. Have your say.

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board for:

1. The renewal of a franchise agreement with the City of Brockville which would grant to Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. the right to build, operate and add to the natural gas distribution system and to distribute, store and transmit natural gas for a period of 20 years.
2. An order that the agreement of the municipal voters of the City of Brockville is not required in relation to renewing the natural gas franchise agreement.
3. An interim order granting the extension of the term of the right to build and operate the natural gas distribution system in the City of Brockville.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD IS HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider Enbridge Gas' requests. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide whether to grant Enbridge Gas' requests.

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. We make decisions that serve the public interest. Our goal is to promote a financially viable and efficient energy sector that provides you with reliable energy services at a reasonable cost.

MUNICIPAL FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS & CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

In order to distribute natural gas in Ontario, a utility must comply with the requirements of the *Municipal Franchises Act*. This Act requires that a company apply for and receive a certificate of public convenience and necessity from the OEB before it can construct works to supply gas in a municipality. A certificate is not necessarily exclusive. A different company can apply to the OEB for a certificate to supply gas to one or more unserved areas within a municipality for which there is an existing certificate.

BE INFORMED AND HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information regarding this application and to be involved in the process.

- You can review the application filed by Enbridge Gas on the OEB's website now.
- You can file a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing.
- You can become an active participant (called an intervenor). Apply by **December 22, 2017** or the hearing will go ahead without you and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding.
- At the end of the process, you can review the OEB's decision and its reasons on our website.

The OEB does not intend to provide for an award of costs for this hearing.

LEARN MORE

Our file number for this case is **EB-2017-0316**. To learn more about this hearing, find instructions on how to file letters or become an intervenor, or to access any document related to this case, please enter the file number **EB-2017-0316** on the OEB website: www.oeb.ca/participate. You can also phone our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.

ORAL VS. WRITTEN HEARINGS

There are two types of OEB hearings – oral and written. The OEB intends to proceed with this application by way of a written hearing unless a party satisfies the OEB that there is good reason for not holding a written hearing. If you believe an oral hearing is necessary, you must provide written reasons to the OEB by **December 22, 2017**.

PRIVACY

If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the public record and the OEB website. However, your personal telephone number, home address and e-mail address will be removed. If you are a business, all your information will remain public. If you apply to become an intervenor, all information will be public.

This hearing will be held under section 9(3), 9(4) and 10(4) of the Municipal Franchises Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.M.55.



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