



## **Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.**

### **Application for approval of the cost consequences of the proposed Renewable Natural Gas Enabling Program and Geothermal Energy Service Program**

#### **PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1**

**April 3, 2018**

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. (Enbridge Gas) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) seeking approval for the cost consequences of its proposed Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) Enabling Program and Geothermal Energy Service Program. This includes approval of the methodology to set the service fees for each program and the annual sufficiency/deficiency of the programs within the Cap and Trade Compliance Obligation Variance Accounts.

A Notice of Hearing was issued on February 20, 2018. The following parties applied for intervenor status:

- Anwaatin Inc. (Anwaatin)
- Association of Power Producers of Ontario (APPrO)
- Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA)
- Canadian Biogas Association (CBA)
- Consumers Council of Canada (CCC)
- E2 Energy Inc. (E2)
- Enwave Energy Corporation (Enwave)
- Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario (FRPO)
- Ontario Climate Change Solutions Deployment Corporation (Green Ontario Fund)
- Industrial Gas Users Association (IGUA)
- Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers (OGVG)

- Ontario Sustainable Energy Association (OSEA)
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)
- TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TransCanada)
- Union Gas Limited (Union Gas)

Anwaatin, APPrO, BOMA, CBA, CCC, FRPO, IGUA, OGVG, OSEA, and SEC also applied for cost eligibility.

Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) and Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe) submitted their requests for intervenor status and cost eligibility after the filing deadline.

No objections were received from Enbridge Gas.

Each of Anwaatin, APPrO, BOMA, CBA, CCC, E2, Enwave, Energy Probe, FRPO, Green Ontario Fund, IGUA, OGVG, OSEA, SEC, TransCanada, Union Gas and VECC are approved as intervenors. The list of parties in this proceeding is attached as Schedule A to this Procedural Order.

Anwaatin, APPrO, BOMA, CBA, CCC, Energy Probe, FRPO, IGUA, OGVG, OSEA, SEC, and VECC are eligible to apply for an award of costs under the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*. Cost eligible intervenors should 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.

### **Issues List**

A draft issues list has been included as Schedule B to this Procedural Order. Parties will have an opportunity to comment on the draft issues list. The OEB will determine the final issues list and only those issues on the approved issues list will be considered during the review.

### **Type of Hearing**

FRPO stated that the OEB should convene a technical conference to review the interrogatory responses before making its decision on the type of hearing. SEC and OGVG stated that the OEB should make its decision on the type of hearing after

interrogatory responses are filed. The OEB will determine later in the process whether to hold a written or oral hearing.

It is necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding. Further procedural orders may be issued by the OEB.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

1. Enbridge Gas, and intervenors may make written submissions on the draft issues list at Schedule B to this Procedural Order, with the OEB and deliver them to all parties by **April 3, 2018**.
2. If OEB staff or a party wishes to respond to any of the submissions on the draft issues list, the submissions shall be filed with the OEB and copied to all intervenors by **April 10, 2018**.

All filings to the OEB must quote the file number, EB-2017-0319, be made in searchable / unrestricted PDF format electronically through the OEB's web portal at <https://pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/>. Two paper copies must also be filed at the OEB's address provided below. 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 <http://www.oeb.ca/OEB/Industry>. If the web portal is not available parties may email their documents to the address below. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit all filings on a CD in PDF format, along with two paper copies. Those who do not have computer access are required to file 7 paper copies.

All communications should be directed to the attention of the Registrar 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, Shuo Zhang at [Shuo.Zhang@oeb.ca](mailto:Shuo.Zhang@oeb.ca) and OEB Counsel, Lawren Murray at [Lawren.Murray@oeb.ca](mailto:Lawren.Murray@oeb.ca).

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**Schedule A**

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**Procedural Order No. 1**

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**Applicant and List of Intervenors**

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**Schedule B**

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**Draft Issues List**

**March 27, 2018**

**Draft Issues List**

**1. New Business Activities:**

- 1.1. Should the new business activity – RNG Enabling Program – be considered as part of the utility's regulated business?
- 1.2. Should the new business activity – Geothermal Energy Service Program – be considered as part of the utility's regulated business?

**2. Cost Consequences:**

- 2.1. Is the methodology to set services fees for the RNG Enabling Program – Upgrading Service reasonable and appropriate?
- 2.2. Is the methodology to set services fees for the RNG Enabling Program – Injection Service reasonable and appropriate?
- 2.3. Are the services fees for the Geothermal Energy Service Program reasonable and appropriate?

**3. Deferral and Variance Accounts:**

- 3.1. Is the proposal to include the annual sufficiency / deficiency of the RNG Enabling and Geothermal Energy Service Programs within the Cap and Trade Compliance Obligation Variance Accounts reasonable and appropriate?
- 3.2. Is the disposition methodology appropriate?