

EB-2017-0306 EB-2017-0307

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. and Union Gas Limited

Application for approval to amalgamate Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. and Union Gas Limited and for approval of a rate-setting mechanism and associated parameters from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2028

Procedural Order No. 8

May 9, 2018

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. (Enbridge Gas) and Union Gas Limited (Union Gas), jointly referred to as the applicants, filed an application dated November 2, 2017 with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) under section 43(1) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, for approval to effect the amalgamation of Enbridge Gas and Union Gas into a single company referred to as Amalco. On November 23, 2017, the applicants filed another application with the OEB under section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* for approval of a rate setting mechanism and associated parameters, effective January 1, 2019.

The OEB issued a Notice of Hearing on December 1, 2017 for both applications. In Decision and Procedural Order No. 3 issued on March 1, 2018, the OEB combined the two proceedings and approved an issues list for the combined proceeding. The OEB also set dates for other procedural matters including an oral hearing.

Two of the four days set aside for the oral hearing have been completed. There were a number of undertakings resulting from the cross-examination of Panel 1. The OEB will add a partial day of hearing on Friday, May 18, 2018 to allow for cross-examination on these undertakings. Any further scope of additional cross-examination will be discussed when the hearing resumes on Monday, May 14, 2018. To that end, the OEB will require the applicants to file responses to those

undertakings by Friday, May 11, 2018. The OEB expects intervenors to coordinate their cross-examination to the extent possible to avoid duplication.

At the conclusion of cross-examination on Friday, May 18, 2018, the applicants will present their argument-in-chief orally.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The applicants' responses to the undertakings provided by Witness Panel No. 1 shall be filed on or before **May 11, 2018**.
- 2. An additional hearing day will be added on **May 18, 2018** starting at 9:30 a.m. in the OEB's Hearing Room at 2300 Yonge Street, Toronto. After the end of cross-examination, the applicants will present their oral argument-in-chief. Argument-in-chief is expected to take approximately 90 minutes. The proceeding is expected to conclude no later than 3 p.m.

All filings to the OEB must quote the file number, **EB-2017-0306 and EB-2017-0307** 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 http://www.oeb.ca/OEB/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, Khalil Viraney at Khalil.Viraney@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, Michael Millar at Michael.Millar@oeb.ca and Ian Richler at Ian.Richler@oeb.ca.

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