

EB-2018-0131

### **Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.**

# Application for the disposition of amounts recorded in certain deferral and variance accounts and approval of the earnings sharing amount

### PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1 August 10, 2018

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. (Enbridge Gas) filed an application dated June 27, 2018 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 approving the disposition of balances in certain deferral and variance accounts. The application also includes a request for approval to share earnings with ratepayers in accordance with the 2014-2018 Custom Incentive Regulation Plan Framework.<sup>1</sup>

The total net balance of all of the deferral and variance accounts that have been requested for disposition by Enbridge Gas is a \$5.03 million debit as at January 1, 2019. This includes a \$23.97 million refund to ratepayers associated with the earnings sharing mechanism. The total rate impact for a typical residential customer is a one-time charge of about \$1.40 in January 2019 and for a typical commercial customer is a one-time charge of about \$37.00 in January 2019.

The OEB issued a Notice of Hearing on July 25, 2018. The last date for intervention was August 7, 2018. The following parties applied for intervenor status:

- Association of Power Producers of Ontario (APPrO)
- Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA)
- Consumers Council of Canada (CCC)
- Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe)
- Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario (FRPO)
- Industrial Gas Users Association (IGUA)
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)
- TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TCPL)
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> EB-2012-0459.

Each of APPrO, BOMA, CCC, Energy Probe, FRPO, IGUA, SEC, and VECC also applied for cost award eligibility. No objections were received regarding the requests for intervenor status or cost eligibility.

Intervenor status is hereby granted to each of the parties listed above. Each of APPrO, BOMA, CCC, Energy Probe, FRPO, IGUA, SEC and VECC is eligible to apply for an award of costs under the OEB's Practice Direction on Cost Awards in respect of only those accounts and issues for which the OEB indicated it would allow costs in its Notice of Hearing. The list of intervenors in this proceeding is attached as Schedule A to this procedural order.

The OEB will determine at a later date whether to proceed by way of a written or oral hearing.

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 and 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 **August 28, 2018**.
- Enbridge Gas shall file with the OEB complete responses to the interrogatories and deliver them to the intervenors by September 13, 2018.
- 3. A settlement conference will be convened on **September 20 and 21** at 9:30 a.m. with the objective of reaching a settlement among the parties on the issues. The Settlement Conference will be held in the OEB's hearing room at 2300 Yonge Street, 25<sup>th</sup> Floor, Toronto.
- 4. Any Settlement Proposal arising from the Settlement Conference shall be filed with the OEB by **October 3, 2018**.
- 5. 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 **7 days** from the date that the Settlement Proposal is filed.
- 6. If there is no Settlement Proposal arising from the Settlement Conference, Enbridge Gas shall file a statement to that effect with the OEB by **October 1**, **2018**.

All filings to the OEB must quote the file number, **EB-2018-0131** 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 <a href="https://www.oeb.ca/industry">https://www.oeb.ca/industry</a>. 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 <a href="mailto:lawrie.gluck@oeb.ca">lawrie.gluck@oeb.ca</a> and Counsel, Michael Millar at <a href="mailto:Michael.Millar@oeb.ca">Michael.Millar@oeb.ca</a>.

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**DATED** at Toronto, August 10, 2018

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD** 

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### Schedule A

**Procedural Order No. 1** 

**Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.** 

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**Applicant and List of Intervenors** 

August 10, 2018

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