

## Ontario Energy Board

**IN THE MATTER OF** the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an Application by Enbridge Gas Inc. pursuant to Section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, for an order or orders approving just and reasonable rates and other charges for the sale, distribution, transmission and storage of gas effective January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2023.

### **NOTICE OF INTERVENTION OF THE QUINTE MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION**

#### **Intervenor Background**

The Quinte Manufacturers Association (“QMA”) is an organization of small and medium manufacturers and processors located in the greater Bay of Quinte region which includes the cities of Belleville and Quinte West. The Association is an unfunded industry collaborative that provides a forum for all members to discuss issues and matters of common concern including the increasing costs of natural gas, supply and service. The work of the QMA represents the specific interests of its members that directly employ over 11,460 people and is led by a volunteer steering committee with members drawn from local manufacturers. The QMA is the respected voice of manufacturing in the Quinte region.

#### **Statement of Interest**

Members of the QMA cover a diverse cross section of sectors including food processing; plastics and packaging; logistics; auto parts and aerospace; and, natural gas is a critical component for a wide variety of manufacturing and processing purposes. Members are very concerned with the impact on operations as a result of the increase in gas rates and other charges effective January 1, 2019 and continuing each year until December 31, 2023 which Enbridge Gas Inc. has proposed in its Application to the Ontario Energy Board.

#### **Intervention**

The QMA is requesting intervenor status in this proceeding. Given the nature of the Enbridge Gas Inc. Application, the QMA is intervening to ensure that the interests of its members are represented in the hearing and believes an oral hearing is appropriate in determining fair and reasonable rates and charges.

## **Costs**

The QMA believes that it meets the eligibility requirements set out in the Ontario Energy Board's *Rules of Practice and Procedure* and the *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*. The QMA will be requesting an award of its reasonably incurred costs (related fees and disbursements) to retain qualified consulting support for its intervention.

## **Communications**

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