

Enbridge Gas Inc.

**Application for leave to construct a natural gas pipeline and
associated facilities in the City of Ottawa**

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1

July 22, 2019

Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) applied to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) under section 90(1) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* for leave to construct approximately 1.7 kilometres of natural gas pipeline and associated facilities, needed to replace a section of pipeline on St. Laurent Boulevard, in the City of Ottawa (St. Laurent Pipeline Project or Project).

The OEB issued a Notice of Hearing on June 12, 2019. Pollution Probe applied for intervenor status and cost eligibility. No objection was received from Enbridge Gas.

Pollution Probe's request for intervenor status and cost eligibility is denied.

Pollution Probe states that it is intervening in the proceeding because it wishes to provide the OEB with its expertise on assessing whether the Project is: (i) consistent with OEB environmental guidelines, (ii) aligned with Integrated Resource Planning and (iii) congruent with community energy planning considerations.

In the OEB's view, Pollution Probe's interest in this proceeding does not represent a "substantial interest" within the meaning of Rule 22 of the OEB's *Rules of Practice and Procedure*.

With respect to Pollution Probe's interest and expertise in assessing compliance with OEB environmental guidelines, the OEB believes that OEB staff will be able to conduct such assessments. The OEB notes that the Project is planned to be constructed on or along existing rights-of-way and in an already disturbed urban area. Outside of construction related impacts of dust and noise, the Project is expected to have a minimal impact on the environment. The OEB also notes that Enbridge Gas has submitted the requisite environmental report as part of its

evidence in this application and the report was provided to the Ontario Pipeline Coordination Committee (OPCC) for comment. Enbridge Gas states that no major concerns have been identified by the OPCC and that consultation with affected parties will continue throughout the construction phase. With respect to the interest in planning, Pollution Probe's stated interest is not proportionate to the expected scope of the OEB's review. The OEB notes that the St. Laurent Pipeline Project is not an expansion of the current system. It is a replacement of a section of an existing pipeline for the stated purpose of improving the integrity of the overall St. Laurent pipeline. Further, the Project is noted in the company's Utility System Plan and Asset Management Plan.¹

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 shall request any information and material from Enbridge Gas that is in addition to Enbridge Gas' evidence and that is relevant to the hearing by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and delivered to Enbridge Gas by **July 31, 2019**.
2. Enbridge Gas shall file with the OEB and deliver to all parties complete written responses to all interrogatories by **August 9, 2019**.
3. OEB staff shall file a written submission with the OEB and serve it on Enbridge Gas by **August 20, 2019**.
4. Enbridge Gas shall file a written reply submission, if any, with the OEB by **August 26, 2019**.

All filings to the OEB must quote the file number, EB-2019-0006 and be made electronically in searchable / unrestricted PDF format through the OEB's web portal at <https://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 <https://www.oeb.ca/industry>. If the web portal is not available parties may email their

¹ EB-2018-0305, Ex C1/T1/S1 and Ex C1/T2/S1

documents to the address below. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit all filings on a USB flash drive 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, Zora Crnojacki at Zora.Crnojacki@oeb.ca.

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