



Enbridge Gas Inc.

**Application for certificates of public convenience and
necessity for Norfolk County, the County of Elgin,
and the County of Middlesex**

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 12
August 30, 2019**

On October 11, 2018, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued a Decision and Order (Decision) indicating it would amend each of Enbridge Gas Inc.'s (Enbridge Gas) and EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership's (ENGLP) certificate of public convenience and necessity (certificate) authorizations within Norfolk County, the County of Elgin and the County of Middlesex (the Counties) such that the service territories of the two utilities will be exclusive of each other. The Decision instructed each of the utilities to, among other things, file with the OEB draft orders for certificates for Norfolk County based on the areas in which each utility currently has authorization, but excluding areas of overlap, as well as customer density maps with boundaries delineating each area of authorization. The Decision also directed each utility to file draft orders for certificates for each of the lower-tier municipalities in the County of Elgin and the County of Middlesex where both utilities have infrastructure, with the metes and bounds information of each utility's infrastructure described in lots and concessions, and customer density maps with boundaries delineating these areas.

Although progress had been made towards resolving a number of inconsistencies and overlap issues, the OEB found that it was unable to issue the final orders granting amended certificates to the utilities for the Counties, based on the evidence provided by the parties to date.

The OEB ordered the utilities to provide further infrastructure maps to assist the OEB in making a determination as to the metes and bounds of the areas to be granted in their

respective certificates. The OEB also provided for an untranscribed technical conference on August 19, 2019 to be attended by Enbridge Gas, ENGLP, OEB staff and the OEB's surveyor (the Parties) to resolve outstanding issues regarding these infrastructure maps. The OEB stated that following the technical conference, it would issue a procedural order with draft certificates for each of the two utilities to review and comment on.

On August 23, 2019, OEB staff filed a letter informing the OEB that during the course of the technical conference, Parties discussed proposing some modifications to the draft certificates which had been prepared by OEB staff for discussion as per the October 11, 2018 Decision and Order. OEB staff stated that if accepted by the OEB, the joint proposal would serve to reduce the OEB's administrative burden and shorten the utilities' timelines for connecting customers within the Counties. The Parties requested that the OEB provide them with the opportunity to continue working towards preparing and filing a joint proposal with the OEB by the end of September 2019.

The OEB accepts the Parties' request to provide them with an opportunity to file a joint proposal by the end of September 2019.

On August 29, 2019, in accordance with the OEB's direction in Procedural Order No. 11, ENGLP also filed a letter advising the OEB that it had received customer requests to connect two residences on Cromarty Drive in the Municipality of Thames Centre. ENGLP stated that while both residences are outside of ENGLP's certificate area, it had infrastructure located beside these residences and required minimal facilities to attach these residences. ENGLP noted that neither customer had expressed an urgent reason to require connection to either residence ahead of the 2019 winter heating season. ENGLP also provided information that was previously required by the OEB to assist the OEB in determining which utility would be best suited to serve another resident in the Municipality of Thames Centre.

The OEB will provide Enbridge Gas, if it wishes to do so, with an opportunity to file similar evidence regarding the earliest feasible in-service date and the costs to serve these two residences on Cromarty Drive, including any capital contribution that may be required.

The OEB considers it 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. Enbridge Gas Inc., EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership and OEB staff shall file their joint proposal regarding the metes and bounds of the areas to be granted in each utilities' respective certificates in Norfolk County, the County of Elgin and the County of Middlesex by **September 30, 2019**.
2. Enbridge Gas Inc. may file with the OEB a proposed in-service date and a cost assessment for serving these two residences on Cromarty Drive in the Municipality of Thames Centre by **September 9, 2019**. The information shall include a description and schematic diagram of the infrastructure required to connect the customer to the distribution system including a bill of materials for any required main extension, service line and meter set. The information should also include an annual bill calculation assuming an annual consumption of 2,200 cubic meters using rates currently in effect (as of July 1, 2019). Any final capital contribution required to provide natural gas service should also be identified.
3. Each of Enbridge Gas Inc. and EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership will have an opportunity to submit written comments by **September 16, 2019** on each other's information regarding gas service for the Cromarty Drive residences.

All filings with the OEB must quote the file number **EB-2017-0108**, and be made through the OEB's web portal at <https://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/>, and consist of two paper copies and one electronic copy in searchable / unrestricted PDF format. Filings must be received by the OEB by 4:45 p.m. on the stated date. Parties should use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guideline found at www.oeb.ca. If the web portal is not available, parties may e-mail their documents to the attention of the Board Secretary at BoardSec@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, **August 30, 2019**

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