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**BY EMAIL**

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Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas)  
Application for amendments of certificates for the municipalities of Thames  
Centre and Central Elgin  
OEB Staff Interrogatories  
OEB File Number: EB-2019-0195**

In accordance with Procedural Order No. 1, please find attached OEB staff's interrogatories to Enbridge Gas for the above proceeding. This document has been sent to Enbridge Gas and to all other registered parties to this proceeding.

Enbridge Gas is reminded that its responses to the interrogatories are due by September 9, 2019.

Yours truly,

*Original Signed By*

David Martinello  
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## **OEB Staff Interrogatories**

**Application for amendments of certificates for the municipalities of Thames Centre and Central Elgin**

**Enbridge Gas Inc.**

**EB-2019-0195**

**September 4, 2019**

**OEB Staff-1**

**Ref: Application, pp. 2-3**

**Preamble:**

Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) has identified within the Municipality of Thames Centre and the Municipality of Central Elgin, five of the most immediate requests for service extensions for the following areas (the subdivisions):

- Boardwalk at Millpond Subdivision
- Rosewood Subdivision
- Foxborough Subdivision
- Hawthorne Park Subdivision
- Kokomo Beach Club Subdivision

**Questions:**

- a) Please confirm, for each of the subdivisions, that none of the proposed service extensions will be located within areas currently covered under Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) held by EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership.
- b) Please provide the specific lots and concessions in the Municipality of Thames Centre and the Municipality of Central Elgin that each of the subdivisions will be located in.
- c) As the requested amendments to the CPCNs for the Municipality of Thames Centre and the Municipality of Central Elgin have not yet been issued, pending a final decision in the EB-2017-0108 proceeding, please confirm that no construction has been initiated to construct the facilities to service the subdivisions. If construction has been initiated, please outline what has been completed.
- d) For each of the subdivisions, please provide details regarding the anticipated total length of pipeline required, type of pipeline, volumetric throughput, operating pressure of the pipeline, and estimated project cost. Further, please outline if Enbridge Gas will need to file a leave to construct application for the construction of the pipelines to service any of the subdivisions. Will a system expansion surcharge be required for constructing the pipeline to service any of the subdivisions?
- e) Please provide details of the approvals that have been obtained, as well as any additional approvals that will be required for the construction and operation of the proposed pipelines for each of the subdivisions.

**OEB Staff-2**

**Ref: Application Cover Letter, p. 1**

**Preamble:**

On page 1 of the application cover letter, Enbridge Gas states:

...Enbridge Gas has continued to receive requests for service. This application addresses five of the most urgent requests for service extensions within the Municipality of Thames Centre and the Municipality of Central Elgin in which Enbridge Gas' CPCN rights are being limited to where existing infrastructure is in place.

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Enbridge Gas made significant investments in the Municipality of Thames Centre several years ago to upgrade the pressure regulating station and install a sufficiently sized plastic main for future growth in the area on the understanding that Enbridge Gas would be permitted to attach additional customers in accordance with its existing CPCN rights in the municipality. The OEB's determination on this application and its determination of how to amend the CPCN boundaries within the EB-2017-0108 proceeding will influence Enbridge Gas' utilization of existing investments and any decisions to pursue similar long-term investments in other municipalities that may be subject to uncertainty of CPCN rights.

**Questions:**

- a) Please identify the anticipated growth in customer numbers for natural gas service in each of the Municipality of Thames Centre and the Municipality of Central Elgin.
- b) Please identify the other requests for service extensions within the Municipality of Thames Centre and the Municipality of Central Elgin that Enbridge Gas has received. Further, please outline if/when Enbridge Gas would anticipate applying to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) to have the respective CPCNs amended to include these additional requests.
- c) Please elaborate and provide context on how the OEB's decision in this application will influence Enbridge Gas' utilization of existing investments and decisions to pursue similar long-term investment.

**OEB Staff-3**

**Ref: Application, p. 2**

**Preamble:**

On page 2 of the application, dated July 30, 2019, Enbridge Gas states the following with regard to the Boardwalk at Millpond Subdivision:

Enbridge Gas operates a gas main line in immediate proximity to the subdivision development and can easily make connections to this subdivision within the requested timeline as long as a decision approving CPCN rights in this area is issued in a timely manner. A delay to providing gas service by September 1, 2019 will result in a delay to the start of home construction and a significant adverse impact on the developer's ability to follow through on their commitments to the builders and, in turn, to home buyers.

**Questions:**

- a) How quickly can Enbridge Gas provide service to the Boardwalk at Millpond Subdivision following an OEB decision on the application?
- b) What will Enbridge Gas do to mitigate any impact(s) on the developers, builders and customers as a result of a delay in providing gas service?