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**TO: All Parties in EB-2019-0137**

**RE: Consultation to Review Natural Gas Supply Plans – Draft OEB Staff Report  
Ontario Energy Board File No. EB-2019-0137**

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Today the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued for comment a *Draft OEB Staff Report to the OEB: Consultation to Review Natural Gas Supply Plans* (draft OEB Staff Report). The draft OEB Staff Report sets out OEB staff's initial assessment of Enbridge Gas Inc.'s (Enbridge) five-year natural gas supply plans.

## **Background**

On July 25, 2019, the OEB initiated a consultation to review Enbridge's five-year gas supply plans in keeping with the gas supply plan assessment process contemplated in the OEB's [Report of the Board: Framework for the Assessment of Distributor Gas Supply Plans](#) (Gas Supply Framework)<sup>1</sup>. In the [July 25, 2019 letter](#), the OEB stated that it would include an additional step to the process outlined in the Gas Supply Framework to provide Enbridge and stakeholders further opportunity for input. Specifically, the OEB included the opportunity for Enbridge and stakeholders to comment on a draft OEB Staff Report that outlines OEB staff's initial assessment of Enbridge's five-year gas supply plans against the guiding principles of the Gas Supply Framework.

## **Invitation to Comment and Cost Awards**

The OEB invites Enbridge and stakeholders to submit written comments on the draft OEB Staff Report by **January 17, 2020**.

The eligible hours per participant for stakeholder's written comments on the draft OEB Staff Report will be up to 10 hours. An updated list of the activities for which cost

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<sup>1</sup> EB-2017-0129.

awards are available is provided below:

ACTIVITY	TOTAL ELIGIBLE HOURS PER PARTICIPANT
Written questions	Up to 10 hours
Preparation for the Stakeholder Conference	Up to 2 hours
Attendance at Stakeholder Conference	Actual attendance time
Written comments on gas supply plans	Up to 15 hours
Written comments on draft OEB Staff Report	Up to 10 hours

### Next Steps

After considering the written comments on the draft OEB Staff Report, OEB staff will prepare its final Staff Report to the OEB. As set out in the Gas Supply Framework, following consideration of the final OEB Staff Report, the OEB may determine that a proceeding is required to address specific issues highlighted by the final OEB Staff Report.

### Filing Instructions

All filings to the OEB must quote file number **EB-2019-0137** 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 at the OEB's address provided below. Filings must clearly state the sender's name, postal address and telephone number, fax number and email 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 documents to the address below. Those who do not have computer access are required to file seven paper copies.

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.

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**DATED** at Toronto, December 19, 2019

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

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