

**Enbridge Gas Inc.**

**Application to extend approved 2020 Demand Side  
Management Plan for one-year into 2021**

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1**

**February 24, 2020**

On November 27, 2019, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) received an application from Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) for an OEB order effective January 1, 2021 that approves Enbridge Gas's 2021 DSM Plans which roll-forward the OEB-approved 2020 DSM Plans including all programs, scorecards and other parameters (i.e., budgets, targets, and performance incentive structure). The OEB assigned file number EB-2019-0271 to the application.

A Notice of Hearing was issued on December 17, 2019. Each of the following parties filed for intervenor status and requested cost eligibility:

- Association of Power Producers of Ontario (APPrO),
- Building Owners and Managers Association, Greater Toronto (BOMA),
- Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters (CME),
- Consumers Council of Canada (CCC),
- Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe),
- Environmental Defence,
- Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario (FRPO),
- Green Energy Coalition (GEC),
- Housing Services Corporation (HSC),
- Industrial Gas Users Association (IGUA),
- London Property Managers Association (LPMA),
- Low Income Energy Network (LIEN),
- Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers (OGVG),
- Ontario Sustainable Energy Association (OSEA),
- Pollution Probe,
- Schools Energy Coalition (SEC), and
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)

No objections were received from Enbridge Gas.

All requests for intervenor status and cost eligibility are granted subject to the guidance related to the scope of the hearing below. Cost awards will not be granted for participation that goes beyond the scope of the hearing outlined below. Parties that are eligible to apply for an award of costs must follow the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*. The list of parties in this proceeding is attached as Schedule A to this Procedural Order.

### **Nature of the Proceeding**

As part of its application Enbridge Gas requested that the OEB proceed without a hearing. Enbridge Gas noted that as its proposed 2021 DSM Plans are an extension of the OEB-approved 2015-2020 DSM Plans, and in light of the OEB undertaking a comprehensive review of the DSM policy framework, proceeding without a hearing will avoid unnecessary ratepayer cost and regulatory burden, while allowing resources to focus on the policy consultation.

On December 9, 2019 Environmental Defence filed a letter outlining a number of topics for consideration related to Enbridge Gas' application. Environmental Defence also requested that Enbridge Gas be required to resubmit its application and propose increased savings levels that are as high as possible without making fundamental changes to the structure of its proposed 2021 DSM plan. Failing a resubmission of the application, Environmental Defence requested an oral hearing to address the issues outlined in its letter. GEC also filed a letter on December 9, 2019 supporting Environmental Defence's position.

On December 9, 2019 IGUA filed a letter and indicated that if the OEB is to approve Enbridge Gas' application as filed, and without a hearing, that the approval should be on an interim basis, expressly subject to future determinations by the OEB regarding appropriate transition between the current DSM framework and the post-2020 DSM framework that is currently under development.

On December 19, 2019 CME filed a letter requesting that the OEB proceed by way of an oral hearing, preceded by a written discovery process and a Settlement Conference.

On January 22, 2020 SEC filed its request for intervention and within suggested that the OEB defer any decision on the type of hearing until after interrogatory responses have been filed and considered.

### **Findings**

The OEB will proceed by way of a written hearing. The OEB announced that it is undertaking a comprehensive review of the DSM policy framework in a [letter](#) dated

September 16, 2019.<sup>1</sup> As a result, the OEB does not expect material changes to the programs and no increase to the overall DSM budget to take place during the transition period from the current OEB-approved DSM plans. In light of the on-going policy consultation, parties are expected to focus their participation during this proceeding on ensuring that the OEB's previously-approved 2020 DSM plans will continue to deliver cost-effective savings in 2021, consistent with the OEB's January 20, 2016 [Decision and Order and DSM Mid-Term Report](#). The OEB expects that submissions from parties should be directed to the best alignment of Enbridge Gas resources and effort available within the existing plan in order to maximize results.

Parties will continue to have the opportunity to provide input and feedback on any new policy objectives, program changes and all other facets of the new DSM framework as part of the ongoing consultation. The OEB is mindful of the costs and resources required to thoroughly review, critique and make material changes to the currently approved DSM plans and agrees with Enbridge Gas that resources are best directed to the policy consultation.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

1. OEB staff and intervenors requesting information or material from Enbridge Gas that is in addition to the evidence filed and is relevant to the hearing shall file written interrogatories with the OEB and deliver them to Enbridge Gas and all intervenors by **March 16, 2020**.
2. Enbridge Gas shall file its responses to the interrogatories directed to it with the OEB and shall deliver those responses to all parties by **April 6, 2020**.
3. Enbridge Gas shall file its written argument-in-chief with the OEB and deliver to all parties by **April 21, 2020**.
4. OEB staff and intervenors that wish to make written submissions shall file those written submissions with the OEB and deliver them to Enbridge Gas and all intervenors by **May 12, 2020**.
5. Enbridge Gas shall file its written response to the written submissions directed to it with the OEB and deliver the response to all parties by **June 2, 2020**.

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<sup>1</sup> [EB-2019-0003](#)

All materials filed with the OEB must quote the file number, EB-2019-0271, be made in a searchable/unrestricted PDF format and sent electronically 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.

With respect to distribution lists for all electronic correspondence and materials related to this proceeding, parties must include the Case Manager, Josh Wasylyk at [Josh.Wasylyk@oeb.ca](mailto:Josh.Wasylyk@oeb.ca) and OEB Counsel, Michael Millar at [Michael.Millar@oeb.ca](mailto:Michael.Millar@oeb.ca).

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**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original signed by*

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Registrar and Board Secretary

**Schedule A**

**Procedural Order No. 1**

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**Applicant and List of Intervenors**

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