

**Enbridge Gas Inc.**

**Application for natural gas distribution rates and other  
charges effective January 1, 2020**

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 3  
February 26, 2020**

Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) filed an incentive rate-setting mechanism (IRM) application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on October 8, 2019 under section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* seeking approval for changes to its natural gas distribution rates to be effective January 1, 2020. On January 1, 2019, Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. (EGD) and Union Gas Limited (Union Gas) amalgamated to form Enbridge Gas. This application is Enbridge Gas's second annual rate adjustment application under the IRM framework approved in the MAADs decision.<sup>1</sup>

The OEB in Procedural Order (PO) No. 1 issued on November 12, 2019 accepted Enbridge Gas's request to process and adjudicate the application in a bifurcated manner. Accordingly, the OEB set an accelerated schedule to review the first phase of the proceeding that addressed the IRM related elements and certain deferral and variance accounts. A settlement conference was held between the applicant and the intervenors (collectively, the parties) on November 21 and 22, 2019. The parties reached a settlement on all issues in Phase 1 of the proceeding. Enbridge Gas filed a settlement proposal for consideration of the OEB on November 28, 2019.

In a decision issued on December 5, 2019, the OEB accepted the settlement proposal which included an interim rate order for rates reflecting the IRM adjustments effective January 1, 2020. The OEB also set procedural timelines for discovery of evidence related to Phase 2 of the proceeding.

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<sup>1</sup> On August 30, 2018, the OEB approved the amalgamation of EGD and Union Gas under the OEB's policy on mergers, acquisitions, amalgamations and divestitures (MAADs). In its decision (the MAADs Decision), the OEB also approved a rate-setting framework and associated parameters for the deferred rebasing period of 2019 to 2023.

Enbridge Gas filed responses to interrogatories on February 21, 2020. This PO schedules the subsequent procedural steps for Phase 2 of the proceeding.

**THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:**

1. Enbridge Gas shall file its Argument-in-Chief with the OEB and serve it on all other parties by **March 11, 2020**.
2. OEB staff and intervenors shall file any written submissions with the OEB and serve them on all other parties by **April 1, 2020**.
3. Enbridge Gas shall file any reply submissions with the OEB and serve them on all other parties by **April 15, 2020**.

All materials filed with the OEB must quote the file number, EB-2019-0194, be made in searchable / unrestricted PDF format 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 e-mail address. Parties must use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guideline found at <http://www.oeb.ca/OEB/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 7 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, Khalil Viraney, at [Khalil.Viraney@oeb.ca](mailto:Khalil.Viraney@oeb.ca) and OEB Counsel, Ian Richler, at [Ian.Richler@oeb.ca](mailto:Ian.Richler@oeb.ca).

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**DATED** at Toronto, February 26, 2020

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