

**EB-2019-0271**

**Enbridge Gas Inc.**

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

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2**

**April 21, 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.

The OEB issued Procedural Order No. 1 on February 24, 2020 outlining dates for interrogatories and written submissions. The OEB also provided guidance on the scope of the proceeding within Procedural Order No. 1. The OEB indicated that it 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, as a comprehensive policy consultation to review the DSM policy framework is currently underway. The OEB directed parties 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](#). Further, the OEB indicated that it expected 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.

**Green Energy Coalition Motion**

On April 17, 2020 Green Energy Coalition (GEC) filed a Notice of Motion (Motion) with the OEB. GEC requested an order from the OEB that requires Enbridge Gas to provide a full and adequate response to two interrogatories submitted by GEC, namely Exhibit I.GEC.1 and Exhibit I.GEC.2.

GEC submitted that its requests within the two interrogatories noted above seek detailed data for energy efficiency measures for each program for the 2017, 2018 and 2019 program years, as well as participation levels for non-resource acquisition programs. GEC claims that this information is required to consider minor changes that are time-sensitive. GEC is of the opinion that its request does not needlessly encroach on the broad DSM policy framework discussion or descend into micro-management. GEC contends that without this level of disaggregated data, intervenors and the OEB cannot determine whether changes to Enbridge Gas' DSM plan are appropriate.

In response to the GEC's interrogatories in question, Enbridge Gas provided limited responses and indicated that the information sought exceeds the scope of the proceeding, and that the time and resources required to accurately compile the remaining details sought by GEC is unreasonable as it will require confirmation of data integrity of tens of thousands of data points.

The OEB will hear the motion. The OEB notes that the information requested by GEC appears to be within the scope of the proceeding as defined by the OEB in Procedural Order No. 1. To reiterate, the OEB does not expect material changes to the previously-approved DSM plans during a transition year. However, it is appropriate to ensure that previously-approved programs continue to deliver cost-effective savings in 2021, and that results can be maximized in order to provide good value to customers.

Within Enbridge Gas' interrogatory responses, it noted that some more recent program information is more difficult to provide, or not available. The OEB is interested in a more detailed response from Enbridge Gas to GEC's Motion. Within its response, the OEB expects Enbridge Gas to address the appropriateness of the request, any issues related to providing full responses, the level of effort required, and the timeframe in which a full response could be provided if the OEB is to order Enbridge Gas to do so.

Following submissions from Enbridge Gas and GEC, the OEB will provide further direction and update all dates ordered in Procedural Order No. 1.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

1. Enbridge Gas shall file a written submission with the OEB, responding to the GEC Motion and the OEB's instructions within Procedural Order No. 2, and deliver to all parties by **April 24, 2020**.
2. GEC shall file its written reply submission with the OEB and deliver to all parties by **April 30, 2020**.
3. All other previously ordered procedural dates outlined within Procedural Order No. 1 are suspended, pending a decision on the GEC Motion.

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>. 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 [boardsec@oeb.ca](mailto:boardsec@oeb.ca).

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).

NOTE: The OEB is temporarily waiving the paper copy filing requirement until further notice. All communications should be directed to the attention of the Board Secretary and be received no later than 4:45 p.m. on the required date.

**DATED** at Toronto, April 21, 2020

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original signed by*

Christine E. Long  
Registrar and Board Secretary