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EB-2019-0159

Enbridge Gas Inc.

Application to construct natural gas pipeline and associated facilities in the City of Hamilton

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 5 April 27, 2020

Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) pursuant to section 90(1) and 97 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act 1998*, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule B) for leave to construct approximately 10.2 kilometres of 48-inch diameter natural gas transmission pipeline and associated facilities in the City of Hamilton. Enbridge Gas also applied for approval of the forms of easement agreements related to the construction of the proposed project.

Due to the COVID-19 situation, parties requested and were granted several extensions to the OEB's procedural schedule.

On April 23, 2020, Enbridge Gas requested an extension for filing interrogatory responses to May 4, 2020. Enbridge Gas identified the difficulty with having to answer the large number of interrogatories by April 27, 2020 and challenges of working remotely from home due to the COVID-19 pandemic. On the same day, the OEB received a request from Green Energy Coalition who indicated that if the OEB were to grant Enbridge Gas an extension of time to file interrogatory responses, then the same consideration should be given to extending the date for filing intervenor evidence.

While the OEB has already provided a few extensions during the discovery phase of this proceeding, the concerns that Enbridge Gas raises in its letter justify an extension to the date for filing interrogatory responses. Similarly, the date for filing intervenor evidence will be extended for all parties that plan to file evidence. The remaining dates for interrogatories on evidence and responses will be extended to accommodate the parties' time and resources.

All dates in PO 4 are superseded by the dates below.

It is necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding. Further procedural orders may be issued by the OEB.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- 1. Enbridge Gas Inc. shall file with the OEB complete written responses to all interrogatories and serve them on intervenors by **May 4, 2020.**
- 2. OEB staff and intervenors seeking to file evidence shall do so by submitting the evidence to the OEB, and provide a copy to Enbridge Gas and intervenors no later than **June 1, 2020**.
- 3. Any party seeking information and material on the evidence filed by OEB staff or an intervenor that is in addition to the evidence filed with the OEB, and that is relevant to this proceeding, shall do so by requesting written interrogatories to be filed with the OEB, and copy all parties by **June 15, 2020.**
- 4. Any party that receives interrogatories on their respective evidence shall file with the OEB complete responses to the interrogatories by **July 6, 2020.**

All materials filed with the OEB must quote the file number, EB-2019-0159, be made in a searchable/unrestricted PDF format and sent electronically through the OEB's web portal at <u>https://pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice</u>. 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 <u>https://www.oeb.ca/industry</u>. If the web portal is not available, parties may email their documents to the address below.

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 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, Zora Crnojacki at <u>Zora.Crnojacki@oeb.ca</u> and Board Counsel, Michael Millar at <u>Michael.Millar@oeb.ca</u>.

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DATED at Toronto, April 27, 2020

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Christine E. Long Registrar and Board Secretary