

May 12, 2020

Christine Long
Registrar and Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
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Dear Ms Long:

Re: EB-2019-0294 – Application by Enbridge Gas Inc. – Leave to Construct – City of Markham – Pilot Project

I am a consultant to the Consumers Council of Canada (“Council”). I have been instructed by my client to intervene in the proceeding to consider the Application to the Ontario Energy Board (“OEB”) by Enbridge Gas Inc. (“EGI”) for leave to construct natural gas pipelines and ancillary facilities in the City of Markham. The Council is a public-interest entity which represents the interests of residential consumers in Ontario. The Board’s order in this proceeding will ultimately impact the rates that residential consumers pay for the distribution of natural gas.

On March 15, 2020, the Council filed with the Board, pursuant to Rule 22.03 of the Ontario Energy Board’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, a document describing the Council, its mandate and objectives, membership, the constituency represented, and the types of activities the Council carries out. In addition, we provided a list of the individuals authorized to represent the Council in Board proceedings.

The nature and scope of the Council’s intended participation in the proceeding will be the following:

1. To assess the need for the proposed facilities, the costs and benefits associated with the project, and the allocation of those costs and benefits;
2. To assess whether the pilot is justified and how the results of the pilot will be used going forward;
3. To assess EGI’s proposal to credit the affected customers;
4. To generally protect the interests of residential consumers with respect to this project;
5. To participate in the various aspects of the proceeding which may include an interrogatory process, a technical conference, a settlement conference and a hearing.

The Council intends to ask for an order of costs in this proceeding. The Council has participated in many natural gas proceedings over a long period of time. In all of those proceedings the Council has been recognized as being eligible for an award of costs. In the absence of an award of costs the Council would be unable to participate in this proceeding.

Copies of all correspondence related to this proceeding and hard copies of the Applicant’s evidence should be sent to the following consultant:

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Please let us know if any further information from the Council is required at this time.

Yours truly,

Julie E. Girvan

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CC: EGI, Regulatory Affairs
Ken Whitehurst, Consumers Council of Canada