



### Enbridge Gas Inc.

# **Integrated Resource Planning Proposal**

# PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1 May 21, 2020

Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) originally submitted an Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) proposal to the OEB as part of its Leave to Construct Application for 10.2 km of pipeline expansion within the City of Hamilton ("Dawn-Parkway Expansion" proceeding, EB-2019-0159), filed on November 1, 2019. As part of this Application, Enbridge Gas requested that the OEB determine that its IRP Proposal, in relation to the Dawn-Parkway Expansion project, and for application to future Enbridge Gas projects, is reasonable and appropriate.

In <u>Procedural Order No. 1</u> in the Dawn-Parkway Expansion proceeding, issued January 30, 2020, the OEB determined that Enbridge Gas' IRP Proposal would be heard separately from the Leave to Construct application.

The OEB subsequently issued a <u>Notice of Hearing</u> on April 28, 2020, that initiated a review of Enbridge Gas' IRP proposal as a separate proceeding (EB-2020-0091), and invited intervention requests or letters of comment from parties who wish to participate in this proceeding.

This Procedural Order sets out direction on intervenor status and cost eligibility and provides a draft Issues List for comment.

### **Intervention Requests and Cost Eligibility**

No letters of comment were received. The following parties applied for intervenor status:

- Anwaatin Inc. (Anwaatin)
- Association of Power Producers of Ontario (APPRO)
- Building Owners and Managers Association, Greater Toronto (BOMA)
- Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME)

- The City of Hamilton
- Consumers Council of Canada (CCC)
- Energy Probe
- Environmental Defence
- Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario (FRPO)
- Green Energy Coalition (GEC)
- Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO)
- Industrial Gas Users Association (IGUA)
- London Property Management Association (LPMA)
- Low-Income Energy Network (LIEN)
- Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers (OGVG)
- Ontario Sustainable Energy Association (OSEA)
- Pollution Probe
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)
- The Corporation of the City of Kitchener Utilities Division (City of Kitchener)
- TransCanada Pipelines Limited (TCPL)
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)

Anwaatin, APPRO, BOMA, CCC, CME, Energy Probe, Environmental Defence, FRPO, GEC, IGUA, LIEN, LPMA, OGVG, OSEA, Pollution Probe, SEC and VECC also applied for cost eligibility.

In a letter dated May 21, 2020, Enbridge Gas indicated that it had no specific objection to any of the applications for intervention status.

Most parties applying for intervenor status indicated their interest as representatives of segments of Enbridge Gas customers (or, in the case of TransCanada Pipelines Limited, as an individual customer) and the potential impact of the IRP proposal on natural gas supply or rates. Many of these parties provided additional detail regarding specific aspects of the IRP proposal in which they were interested. The Independent Electricity System Operator noted an interest in the linkages between electricity and natural gas planning processes and energy efficiency programs. The intervention requests of the City of Hamilton and the City of Kitchener are discussed below.

The OEB recognizes that Enbridge Gas' IRP proposal has potentially wide-reaching impacts regarding Enbridge Gas' natural gas system, and as such, has the potential to impact all Enbridge Gas customers. Therefore, the OEB is interested in ensuring a wide range of perspectives are represented in this proceeding. All parties listed above are approved as intervenors. The list of parties in this proceeding is attached as Schedule B to this Procedural Order.

The OEB notes that the City of Hamilton's stated interest is in ensuring that the IRP proposal will adequately protect the interests of Hamilton, as the City of Hamilton has expressed an interest in other applications submitted by Enbridge Gas within the geographic boundaries of Hamilton. The OEB approves the City of Hamilton's intervention request but notes that this IRP proceeding is not intended to assess the merits of specific projects, including the proposed pipeline expansion that is under review in the Dawn-Parkway Expansion proceeding, which is currently adjourned. As noted in the <u>Procedural Order No. 7 and Decision on Adjournment</u> of that proceeding, unanswered interrogatories that have more general relevance to IRP may be asked in this IRP proceeding if they are within the scope of the final approved IRP issues list.

The OEB also notes that the City of Kitchener did not state its interest in this proceeding in its intervention request. The OEB reminds parties that intervention requests should include a description of the interest of the intervenor in the proceeding and the grounds for the intervention, to enable the OEB in assessing whether parties have a "substantial interest" within the meaning of Rule 22.02 of the OEB's <u>Rules of Practice and Procedure</u>. In this particular instance, because the City of Kitchener is an embedded gas distributor within Enbridge Gas' service territory, the OEB is satisfied that the City of Kitchener has a substantial interest.

Anwaatin, APPRO, BOMA, CCC, CME, Energy Probe, Environmental Defence, FRPO, GEC, IGUA, LIEN, LPMA, OGVG, OSEA, Pollution Probe, SEC and VECC are eligible to apply for an award of costs under the OEB's <u>Practice Direction on Cost Awards</u>.

Cost eligible intervenors should be aware that the OEB will not generally allow the recovery of costs for the attendance of more than one representative of any party, unless a compelling reason is provided when cost claims are filed. Parties should avoid duplication and should coordinate their participation on common issues. In making its decision on cost awards, the OEB will consider whether intervenors made reasonable efforts to avoid duplication and to ensure that their participation in the hearing was focused on material issues.

Eligibility to apply for recovery of intervenor costs is not a guarantee of recovery of any costs claimed. Cost awards are made by way of OEB order at the end of a hearing.

### **Draft Issues List and Next Steps in this Proceeding**

OEB staff has prepared a draft Issues List (Draft Issues List) which is attached to this Procedural Order. The OEB will use a two-stage process to seek input. Enbridge Gas and approved intervenors are invited to file written submissions on the Draft Issues List.

Following these submissions, all parties (including Enbridge Gas and OEB staff) will have an opportunity to provide additional comments regarding the submissions of other parties. After considering these comments, the OEB will render a decision on the Issues List to define the scope of this proceeding, and provide further guidance regarding the filing of any expert evidence. OEB staff is currently in the process of procuring expert evidence to review the experience of natural gas integrated resource planning in other jurisdictions such as New York State and its relevance to Ontario, and potentially other IRP-related topics as well.

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

#### THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Enbridge Gas and approved intervenors may file with the OEB by June 4, 2020 written submissions on the Draft Issues List attached as Schedule A to this Procedural Order.
- 2. Enbridge Gas and approved intervenors may file with the OEB by June 11, 2020 any additional comments on the Draft Issues List, in reply to the submissions of other parties.

All materials filed with the OEB must quote the file number, **EB-2020-0091**, be made in a searchable/unrestricted PDF format and sent electronically through the OEB's web portal at <a href="https://pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice">https://pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice</a>. 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 <a href="https://www.oeb.ca/industry">https://www.oeb.ca/industry</a>. If the web portal is not available parties may email their documents to <a href="mailto-BoardSec@oeb.ca">BoardSec@oeb.ca</a>.

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 BoardSec@oeb.ca, 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, Michael Parkes at <a href="Michael.Parkes@oeb.ca">Michael.Parkes@oeb.ca</a> and OEB Counsel, Michael Millar at <a href="Michael.Millar@oeb.ca">Michael.Millar@oeb.ca</a>.

# DATED at Toronto, May 21, 2020

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**Enbridge Gas Inc.** 

EB-2020-0091

**Draft Issues List** 

**Integrated Resource Planning Proposal** 

Dated: May 21, 2020

# Draft Issues List Enbridge Gas' Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) Proposal

#### **General Questions**

- 1. Taken as a whole, does Enbridge Gas' IRP proposal adequately respond to previous OEB direction and guidance on IRP (e.g., DSM Framework Mid-Term Review, GTA pipeline decision, etc.)?
- 2. Does Enbridge Gas' IRP proposal require formal approval by the OEB? If so, what form should this approval take?
- 3. Does Enbridge Gas' IRP proposal necessitate consequential changes to any other OEB policies, codes, or guidelines? If so, which policies, codes or guidelines might be affected, and how should these consequential changes be considered within the scope of this proceeding?
- 4. Is Enbridge Gas's IRP proposal consistent with industry best practice in Ontario and other jurisdictions?

# Specific Components of Enbridge Gas' IRP Proposal

- 5. Is Enbridge Gas' proposed definition of IRP, and its goal for what IRP should accomplish ("reviewing and implementing alternatives that reduce natural gas infranchise peak period demand growth to defer or avoid future transmission and distribution system facility expansion/reinforcement projects") appropriate?
- 6. Are Enbridge Gas' proposed screening criteria to assess which types of facility projects require consideration of Integrated Resource Planning Alternatives (IRPAs) appropriate?
- 7. What activities/projects (IRPAs) should Enbridge Gas be eligible to include within an IRP?
- 8. Is Enbridge Gas' proposed two-stage screening process for comparing IRPAs with other facility and non-facility alternatives, and determining whether to proceed with an IRPA, appropriate?
- 9. Is Enbridge Gas' proposed methodology for seeking OEB approval and proceeding with an IRP/IRPA appropriate?
- 10. Is Enbridge Gas' proposal to treat the costs associated with an approved IRP in a "similar manner to the capital costs that they enable the utility and ratepayers to avoid" appropriate?

- 11. Is Enbridge Gas' proposal that ratepayers would need to bear the risks of IRPAs not effectively reducing forecasted demand growth appropriate?
- 12. Is Enbridge Gas' proposal for monitoring and reporting on IRPAs through an annual IRP report appropriate?
- 13. Are there other components that should be included within Enbridge Gas' IRP proposal, but are not? If so, what are they?

Schedule B

**Enbridge Gas Inc.** 

EB-2020-0091

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