



# Quinte Manufacturers Association

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August 5, 2020

Ms. Christine Long  
Board Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board  
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor  
Toronto, Ontario  
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***Via e-mail***

Dear Ms. Long:

**Re: EB-2020-0095 Enbridge Gas Inc. Application for Approval to Increase Natural Gas Rates and Other Charges Effective January 1, 2021 - Quinte Manufacturers Association Intervenor Request Letter**

In response to the Ontario Energy Board's recent notice to customers of Enbridge Gas Inc. ("EGI"), and the evidence filed, the Quinte Manufacturers Association ("QMA" or "Association") respectfully applies for intervenor status in the above-noted proceeding.

**Intervenor Background**

The Quinte Manufacturers Association is an organization of small and medium manufacturers and processors located in the greater Bay of Quinte region which includes the cities of Belleville and Quinte West. The Association is an unfunded industry collaborative that provides a forum for all members to discuss issues and matters of common concern including the increasing costs of natural gas, supply and service. The work of the QMA represents the specific interests of its members that directly employ over 11,460 people in the region. It is led by a volunteer steering committee with members drawn from local manufacturers. The QMA is the respected voice of manufacturing in the Quinte region.

**Statement of Interest**

Members of the QMA cover a diverse cross section of business sectors including food processing; plastics and packaging; logistics; auto parts and aerospace. Natural gas is considered a critical component for a wide variety of manufacturing and processing purposes. Members are concerned with the potential impact on operations and related costs as a result of the above-noted proposed increase in natural gas rates and other charges.

**Intervention**

The QMA is requesting intervenor status in this proceeding. The Bay of Quinte region is growing with increasing demand for natural gas service in all rate classes. Given the nature of EGI's Application, the QMA is intervening to ensure that the interests of its members are represented and that its participation is helpful to the Board in its determinations. The QMA believes that under the current COVID-19 circumstances, an oral hearing is not necessary and the issues in the Application that are of concern to the Association can be properly examined through a written hearing process. Certain issues may be suitable for settlement discussions in advance of the hearing. The QMA intends to participate fully in the hearing process.

**Costs**

The QMA believes that it meets the eligibility requirements set out in the Ontario Energy Board's *Rules of Practice and Procedure* and the *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*. The QMA will be requesting an award of its reasonably incurred costs to retain qualified consulting support for its intervention.



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## Communications

The QMA requests that correspondence and documentation related to the proceeding be sent by e-mail to:

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