



**Enbridge Gas Inc.**

**Integrated Resource Planning Proposal**

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 7**

**December 2, 2020**

Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) originally submitted an Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) Proposal to the OEB on November 1, 2019 as part of its Dawn-Parkway System Expansion Project Application (EB-2019-0159). As part of that Application, Enbridge Gas requested that the OEB determine that its IRP Proposal is reasonable and appropriate, both in relation to the Dawn-Parkway System Expansion Project, and for application to future Enbridge Gas projects. On April 28, 2020, the OEB issued a Notice of Hearing, that initiated a review of Enbridge Gas' IRP Proposal as a separate proceeding (EB-2020-0091).

On July 15, 2020, the OEB issued a Decision on Issues List and Procedural Order No. 2 that, among other things, provided steps for parties who intended to file evidence in this proceeding.

On October 15, 2020, Enbridge Gas filed additional evidence.

On November 12, 2020, OEB staff filed evidence, and on November 23, 2020, Green Energy Coalition/Environment Defence (GEC/ED) filed evidence.

On November 26, 2020, Enbridge Gas filed a letter, indicating that it intends to file responding evidence by the date of December 11, 2020 previously established by the OEB.

On November 9, 2020, Pollution Probe filed a letter of comment, indicating that it had concerns that there may be gaps in the evidence and information that the OEB will need to make an informed decision based on best available information in this proceeding. Pollution Probe requested that the OEB consider additional procedural options to address this concern as it considered next steps. Pollution Probe suggested that the OEB could consider significant gaps following the interrogatory process and solicit ideas to fill those gaps. In Enbridge Gas's letter of November 26, 2020 confirming its intention to file responding evidence, Enbridge Gas indicated that it does not believe that any

changes to the OEB's planned process are necessary or appropriate at this time, and that it believes that there will be a proper evidentiary record once interrogatories and any other discovery is complete.

The OEB has provided an opportunity for parties to file evidence in this proceeding. The OEB is also making provision for a multi-step discovery process. The OEB is satisfied with the process steps that are being scheduled.

While the request of one party, Federation of Rental-Housing Providers of Ontario (FRPO), to file evidence was denied by the OEB, the OEB indicated (in Procedural Order No. 5 of September 15, 2020) that the concerns of FRPO could be addressed by putting to Enbridge Gas proposals for evaluation criteria for supply-side alternatives, and suggestions for the timing to assess these alternatives, through the interrogatory process. Procedural Order No. 5 also indicated that the OEB would be receptive to any available studies or evidence from other jurisdictions on the approach to IRP being placed on the record through the interrogatory process. The OEB would also be open to the filing of any existing studies or evidence related to IRP for the electricity sector in Ontario through the interrogatory process, with the aim of obtaining any views the responding party may have with respect to those documents.

The OEB agrees that an Oral Hearing is desirable in this proceeding. The OEB also notes that it has previously determined (in its Decision on Issues List and Procedural Order No. 2 of July 15, 2020) that it is appropriate to consider IRP for Enbridge Gas on a broader basis than the specific proposal that has been filed. As such, the OEB recognizes that parties may have perspectives on IRP that differ significantly from Enbridge Gas's proposal. The OEB is therefore scheduling a Presentation Day in advance of the Oral Hearing, to ensure that the OEB has a general understanding of these perspectives before the examination phase begins.

### **Next Steps**

At this time the OEB is making provision for written interrogatories. The OEB will then convene a transcribed technical conference, followed by a transcribed presentation day, and then an oral hearing. Once the evidentiary phase of this proceeding has concluded, the OEB will make provision for further procedural steps regarding closing arguments.

Parties should consult sections 26 and 27 of the OEB's [Rules of Practice and Procedure](#) regarding required naming and numbering conventions and other matters related to interrogatories. Parties are reminded to group interrogatories according to the Issues List established by the Decision on Issues List and Procedural Order No. 2 of July 15, 2020.

## Technical Conference

Provision is being made for a transcribed technical conference to clarify any matters arising from the interrogatories addressed to any of the parties filing evidence.

## Presentation Day and Hearing

Provision is being made for a transcribed presentation day where the OEB will be able to hear the views from parties. Parties that have filed evidence are expected to present, beginning with the applicant, Enbridge Gas. Presentations from parties that have not filed evidence will be optional. Presenting parties will have the opportunity to provide their perspective on how IRP should work for Enbridge Gas, having regard to the Issues List for this proceeding. The OEB intends to set a time limit on presentations and does not intend to provide an opportunity for questions of presenters, other than from the OEB. The OEB expects that the Presentation Day will allow it to assess whether there is the breadth and scope of evidence on which to establish the IRP framework for Enbridge Gas. If the OEB is satisfied that this is the case, the OEB intends to proceed with the Oral Hearing, on the dates established below.

The date of December 11, 2020 previously established for Enbridge Gas to file any responding evidence remains unchanged. Further procedural orders will be issued by the OEB.

## THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Any party that wishes to request any relevant information and documentation regarding the evidence filed by Enbridge Gas, GEC/ED or OEB staff, that is in addition to the evidence already filed, shall file written interrogatories with the OEB and serve them on all parties by **January 12, 2021**.
2. Parties shall file with the OEB complete written responses to all interrogatories received and serve them on all parties by **February 2, 2021**.
3. A transcribed, virtual technical conference among the parties and OEB staff will be convened on **February 10, 2021**, starting at 9:30 a.m. If necessary, the technical conference will continue on **February 11-12, 2021**. Information on virtual participation will be communicated to parties later.
4. The OEB will convene a transcribed, virtual presentation day on **February 19, 2021**, starting at 9:30 a.m.

5. The OEB will convene a virtual oral hearing on **March 1-3, 2021**, starting at 9:30 a.m. If necessary, the oral hearing will continue on **March 4-5, 2021**.

Parties are responsible for ensuring that any documents they file with the OEB, such as applicant and intervenor evidence, interrogatories and responses to interrogatories or any other type of document, do not include personal information (as that phrase is defined in the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*), unless filed in accordance with rule 9A of the OEB's *Rules of Practice and Procedure*.

All materials filed with the OEB must quote the file number, **EB-2020-0091**, be submitted in a searchable/unrestricted PDF format with a digital signature through the OEB's web portal at <https://pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice>. Filings must clearly state the sender's name, postal address, telephone number, fax number and e-mail address. Parties must use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the [Regulatory Electronic Submission System \(RESS\) Document Guidelines](#) found at [www.oeb.ca/industry](http://www.oeb.ca/industry). We encourage the use of RESS; however, parties who have not yet [set up an account](#), may email their documents to [registrar@oeb.ca](mailto:registrar@oeb.ca).

All communications should be directed to the attention of the Registrar 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, Michael Parkes at [Michael.Parkes@oeb.ca](mailto:Michael.Parkes@oeb.ca) and OEB Counsel, Michael Millar at [Michael.Millar@oeb.ca](mailto:Michael.Millar@oeb.ca).

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**DATED** at Toronto, **December 2, 2020**

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original Signed By*

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Registrar