

EB-2020-0181

Enbridge Gas Inc.

Application for natural gas distribution rates and other charges effective January 1, 2021

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 4 February 19, 2021

Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on October 15, 2020 under section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, seeking approval for unit rates related to its 2021 Incremental Capital Module (ICM) funding request.

In Procedural Order No. 3 issued on February 5, 2021, the OEB expressed concerns regarding Enbridge Gas's request to file updated evidence regarding the St. Laurent Phase 3 Project, a project for which Enbridge Gas requested ICM funding for 2021 rates. The OEB was specifically concerned about the delay in processing the application resulting from the filing of updated evidence, the regulatory overlap of examining the updated evidence in the current proceeding and the leave to construct application, the impact of the updated evidence on the in-service date and the justification for reviewing the funding request for Phase 3 of the project in isolation as compared to the entire replacement project (Phases 3 and 4).

In a response dated February 10, 2021, Enbridge Gas withdrew its request for 2021 ICM funding related to the St. Laurent Phase 3 Project. Enbridge Gas noted that it would request ICM funding for Phases 3 and 4 of the St. Laurent Project in a single ICM request within the 2022 rate application. Accordingly, Enbridge Gas confirmed that it was now requesting ICM funding for only two projects in 2021 rates, the London Line Replacement Project and the Sarnia Industrial Line Replacement Project.

In response to intervenor requests for clarity on certain interrogatory responses, a technical conference was held on February 17, 2021.

This procedural order makes provision for the filing of responses to technical conference undertakings and written arguments.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- 1. Enbridge Gas shall file with the OEB complete written responses to all technical conference undertakings and serve them on all intervenors by **February 26, 2021**.
- 2. Enbridge Gas shall file its argument-in-chief with the OEB and serve it on all intervenors by **March 1, 2021**.
- 3. Intervenors and OEB staff who wish to file final arguments shall file them with the OEB and serve them on all parties by **March 12, 2021**.
- 4. Enbridge Gas shall file its reply argument with the OEB and serve it on all intervenors by **March 23, 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-2020-0181**, and be submitted in a searchable/unrestricted PDF format with a digital signature through the OEB's web portal at <u>https://p-pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/PivotalUX/</u>. 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 <u>Regulatory Electronic Submission System (RESS) Document</u> <u>Guidelines</u> found at <u>www.oeb.ca/industry</u>. We encourage the use of RESS; however, parties who have not yet <u>set up an account</u>, may email their documents to <u>registrar@oeb.ca</u>.

All communications should be directed to the attention of the Registrar 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, Khalil Viraney at Khalil.Viraney@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, Ian Richler at lan.Richler@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, February 19, 2021

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