

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998,
S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B) (the “Act”);

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Enbridge
Gas Inc. for an order granting leave to construct in the City
of Ottawa, under section 90 of the Act.

**LEAVE TO CONSTRUCT APPLICATION: ST. LAURENT NORTH OTTAWA
PIPELINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

1. The Applicant, Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas or the Company) is an Ontario corporation with its head office in the City of Toronto. It carries on the business of selling, distributing, transmitting, and storing natural gas within the province of Ontario.
2. Enbridge Gas has identified the need to replace approximately 16 km of Nominal Pipe Size (NPS) 12 inch extra-high pressure (XHP) steel (ST) natural gas main and approximately 400m of NPS 16 XHP ST natural gas main in the City of Ottawa, Ontario. The proposed St. Laurent North Ottawa Replacement Pipeline Project (Project) was identified in Enbridge Gas’s asset management plan as part of the EB-2018-0305 proceeding. Replacement of the pipeline is to occur over multiple phases over multiple years. Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Project were discussed in the EB-2019-0006 proceeding and part of Phase 2 was granted leave to construct by the Ontario Energy Board (OEB or the Board) in that proceeding. This current application is seeking leave to construct approval for Phase 3 and Phase 4 of the Project.

3. In this application, Enbridge Gas has identified the need to abandon and replace approximately 16 km of nominal pipe size (NPS) 12 inch extra-high pressure (XHP) steel (ST) natural gas main and approximately 400 m of NPS 16 XHP ST natural gas main in the City of Ottawa, Ontario. The pipelines to be abandoned will be replaced with approximately 9 km of NPS 12 XHP ST and approximately 2.4 km of NPS 16 XHP ST natural gas pipeline.
4. For ease of reference and to assist the Board with preparation of the notice of application for this Project, a map of the proposed facilities is included at Attachment 1 to this Exhibit.
5. The St. Laurent Pipeline is a critical part of the natural gas distribution system in the City of Ottawa. The St. Laurent Pipeline directly and indirectly supplies approximately 165,000 customers in the City of Ottawa and in Gatineau. The Project is necessary as there are a number of integrity concerns along the length of the pipeline that are in part due to the vintage of the main. The St. Laurent Pipeline is a vintage steel distribution main that was installed prior to 1970. The St. Laurent Pipeline has a number of conditions that are outlined in this pre-filed evidence and Enbridge Gas has determined that the replacement of the St. Laurent Pipeline is needed to ensure the safe and reliable supply of natural gas to customers in Ottawa and Gatineau.
6. Enbridge Gas expects to commence construction of the Project in August of 2021. In order to meet Project timelines, the Company respectfully requests the Board grant leave to construct approval of this application as soon as possible and not later than July 2021.

7. Enbridge Gas requests this Application proceed by way of written hearing in English.

8. Enbridge Gas requests that the OEB issue the following order:

- (i) pursuant to section 90 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1988, S.O., 1988, c-15, Schedule B, an Order granting leave to construct the pipelines.
- (ii) pursuant to section 97 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c-15, Schedule B, an Order approving the form of easement agreements found at Exhibit E, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Attachment 2.

9. Enbridge Gas requests that copies of all documents filed with the Board in connection with this proceeding be served on it and on its counsel, as follows:

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