

**ÉNBRIDGE**°

March 24, 2021

Christine Long Registrar Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Long:

Re: Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas)
Ontario Energy Board (OEB) File No.: EB-2021-0072
2019 Demand Side Management (DSM) and Variance Account Disposition
Affidavit of Service

On March 23, 2021, the OEB issued the Letter of Direction for the above noted proceeding.

As directed by the OEB, enclosed please find the Affidavit of Service which has been filed through the OEB's Regulatory Electronic Submission System.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Jean Adams Regulatory Coordinator

#### **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

**IN THE MATTER OF** the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15, Schedule B, as amended;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an application by Enbridge Gas Inc. for an Order or Orders approving the balances and clearance of certain non-commodity 2019 Demand Side Management Deferral and Variance Accounts into rates, within the next available QRAM.

## **AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE**

- I, Bonnie Jean Adams of the City of Vaughan, make oath and say as follows:
- 1. I am in the employ of Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) and as such have knowledge of the matters hereinafter deposed to.
- 2. Pursuant to the March 23, 2021 Letter of Direction from the Ontario Energy Board (OEB), I caused to be served by email the Notice of Hearing in English and French (Exhibit A), and Enbridge's Application (Exhibit B) upon the following. Due to the size, the evidence has not been included as an Exhibit to this Affidavit.
- 3. As directed by the OEB in the Letter of Direction, attached hereto is proof in the form of an email (Exhibit C) that the relevant Notice of Hearing, and Enbridge's Application and evidence was served on all parties on the following parties:
  - EB-2020-0067 2017 and 2018 Enbridge Gas DSM variance account proceeding,
  - EB-2019-0217 2021 DSM Plan proceeding, and
  - EB-2019-0003 Post-2020 DSM Framework consultation.

and Application and Evidence to be placed in a prominent place on Enbridge's			
website. Attached as Exhibit D is proof of the information posted to the website.			
SWORN before me in the City of Toronto, this 24 <sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.	) ) ) ) ) ) ) )		
A Commissioner for taking Affidavits	_		
	Bonnie Jean Adams Regulatory Coordinator		

4. In accordance with the Letter of Direction, I caused a copy of the Notice of Hearing

# ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

# Enbridge Gas Inc. has applied for approval to dispose of certain account balances.

# Learn more. Have your say.

Enbridge Gas Inc. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board for approval to clear amounts recorded in certain 2019 deferral and variance accounts related to its delivery of natural gas conservation and energy efficiency programs.

If the application is approved as filed, a typical residential customer in the EGD Rate Zone and in the Union Rate Zones (former customers of Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. and Union Gas Limited, respectively) would see the following changes:

- A typical residential customer in the EDG Rate Zone would see a one-time charge of \$7.40 in October 2021
- A typical residential customer in the Union South Rate Zone would see a one-time charge of \$7.99, in October 2021
- A typical residential customer in the Union North Rate Zone would see a one-time charge of \$0.80, in October 2021

Other customers, including businesses, may also be affected.

#### THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider Enbridge Gas's application. During this hearing, which could be an oral or written hearing, we will question Enbridge Gas on the case. We will also hear questions and arguments from individuals that have registered to participate (called intervenors) in the OEB's hearing. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide whether to approve Enbridge Gas's requests.

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. We make decisions that serve the public interest. Our goal is to promote a financially viable and efficient energy sector that provides you with reliable energy services at a reasonable cost.

#### **BE INFORMED AND HAVE YOUR SAY**

You have the right to information regarding this application and to be involved in the process.

- You can review Enbridge Gas's application on the OEB's website now
- You can file a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing
- You can become an intervenor. As an intervenor you can ask questions about Enbridge Gas's application and
  make arguments on whether the OEB should approve Enbridge Gas request. Apply by April 14, 2021 or the
  hearing will go ahead without you and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding
- At the end of the process, you can review the OEB's decision and its reasons on our website

### **LEARN MORE**

Our file number for this case is **EB-2021-0072**. To learn more about this hearing, find instructions on how to file a letter with your comments or become an intervenor, or to access any document related to this case, please enter the file number **EB-2021-0072** on the OEB website: <a href="www.oeb.ca/participate">www.oeb.ca/participate</a>. You can also phone our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.

#### **ORAL VS. WRITTEN HEARINGS**

There are two types of OEB hearings – oral and written. Enbridge Gas has applied for a written hearing. The OEB is considering this request. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **April 14**, **2021**.

#### **PRIVACY**

If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the public record and the OEB website. However, your personal telephone number, home address and e-mail address will be removed. If you are a business, all your information will remain public. If you apply to become an intervenor, all information will be public.

This rate hearing will be held under section 36 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15, Schedule B.



# AVIS DE LA COMMISSION DE L'ÉNERGIE DE L'ONTARIO AUX CLIENTS D'ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

# Enbridge Gas Inc. a déposé une requête en vue de liquider certains soldes de comptes.

# Renseignez-vous. Donnez votre avis.

Enbridge Gas Inc. a déposé une requête en vue de liquider certains montants enregistrés dans certains comptes de report et d'écart de 2019 dans le cadre de sa prestation de programmes de conservation du gaz naturel et d'efficacité énergétique.

Si cette requête est approuvée dans sa forme actuelle, les clients résidentiels types des zones de tarification d'EGD et d'Union (anciennement des clients d'Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. et d'Union Gas Limited, respectivement) se verraient imposer les augmentations suivantes :

- Un client résidentiel type dans la zone de tarification d'EGD se verra facturer un montant unique de 7,40 \$ en octobre 2021.
- Un client résidentiel type dans la zone de tarification d'Union Sud se verra facturer un montant unique de 7,99 \$ en octobre 2021.
- Un client résidentiel type dans la zone de tarification d'Union Nord se verra facturer un montant unique de 0,80 \$ en octobre 2021.

Les autres clients, y compris les entreprises, pourraient également être concernés.

### LA COMMISSION DE L'ÉNERGIE DE L'ONTARIO TIENDRA UNE AUDIENCE PUBLIQUE

La Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario (CEO) tiendra une audience publique afin d'étudier la demande d'Enbridge Gas. Durant cette audience, qui peut être une audience orale ou écrite, nous demanderons à Enbridge Gas de justifier la nécessité de ce changement. Nous entendrons également les questions et arguments des personnes qui se sont inscrites pour participer (appelées « intervenants ») à l'audience de la CEO. À l'issue de cette audience, la CEO prendra une décision quant à l'approbation de la requête d'Enbridge Gas.

La CEO est une agence publique indépendante et impartiale. Les décisions que nous prenons visent à servir au mieux l'intérêt public. Notre objectif est d'encourager le développement d'un secteur de l'énergie efficace et financièrement viable, afin d'offrir des services énergétiques fiables à un prix raisonnable.

# **RENSEIGNEZ-VOUS ET DONNEZ VOTRE AVIS**

Vous avez le droit d'être informé au sujet de cette demande et de participer au processus.

- Vous pouvez examiner la demande de Enbridge Gas sur le site Web de la CEO dès maintenant
- Vous pouvez déposer une lettre de commentaires qui sera prise en compte au cours de l'audience.
- Vous pouvez participer à titre d'intervenant. En tant qu'intervenant, vous pouvez poser des questions sur la demande d'Enbridge Gas et présenter les raisons pour lesquelles la CEO devrait approuver la demande d'Enbridge Gas. Inscrivez-vous avant le <u>14 avril 2021</u>, faute de quoi l'audience aura lieu sans votre participation et vous ne recevrez plus d'avis dans le cadre de la présente affaire
- Vous pourrez consulter la décision rendue par la CEO à l'issue de la procédure ainsi que les motifs de sa décision sur notre site Web.

# **EN SAVOIR PLUS**

Le numéro de référence de ce dossier est **EB-2021-0072**. Pour obtenir de plus amples renseignements sur cette audience, sur les démarches à suivre pour déposer une lettre avec vos commentaires ou pour participer en tant qu'intervenant, ou encore pour consulter les documents relatifs à ce dossier, veuillez saisir le numéro de référence sur le site Web de la CEO : <a href="www.oeb.ca/participez">www.oeb.ca/participez</a>. Pour toute question, vous pouvez également communiquer avec notre centre des relations avec les consommateurs au 1 877 632-2727.

#### **AUDIENCES ORALES OU AUDIENCES ÉCRITES**

Il existe deux types d'audiences à la CEO : les audiences orales et les audiences écrites. Enbridge Gas a demandé une audience écrite. La CEO examine cette demande à l'heure actuelle. Si vous pensez qu'une audience orale est nécessaire, vous pouvez faire part de vos arguments par écrit à la CEO au plus tard le 14 avril 2021.

#### PROTECTION DES RENSEIGNEMENTS PERSONNELS

Si vous écrivez une lettre de commentaires, votre nom et le contenu de cette lettre seront ajoutés au dossier public et au site Web de la CEO. Toutefois, votre numéro de téléphone, votre adresse de domicile et votre adresse électronique ne seront pas rendus publics. Si vous représentez une entreprise, tous les renseignements de l'entreprise demeureront accessibles au public. Si vous participez à titre d'intervenant, tous vos renseignements personnels seront rendus publics.

Cette audience sur les tarifs sera tenue en vertu de l'article 36 de la Loi de 1998 sur la Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario, L.O. 1998, chap. 15 (annexe B).



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**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an application by Enbridge Gas Inc. for an Order or Orders approving the balances and clearance of certain non-commodity 2019 Demand Side Management Deferral and Variance Accounts into rates, within the next available QRAM.

### <u>APPLICATION</u>

- 1. Enbridge Gas Inc. ("Enbridge Gas" or the "Company"), was formed by the amalgamation of Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. ("EGD") and Union Gas Limited ("Union"), on January 1, 2019 pursuant to the *Ontario Business Corporations* Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. B. 16. Enbridge Gas carries on the business of selling, distributing, transmitting and storing natural gas in Ontario within the meaning of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998 (the "Act").
- 2. EGD and Union (collectively, referred to as the "Utilities") filed an application dated November 2, 2017 with the Ontario Energy Board ("OEB or the Board") pursuant to section 43(1) of the Act for an order or orders granting leave to amalgamate into a single company, referred to as "Amalco", effective January 1, 2019.¹ On November 23, 2017, the Utilities applied to the Board pursuant to section 36 of the Act, for an order approving a rate setting mechanism and associated parameters for the deferred rebasing period, effective January 1, 2019.² The Board issued its Decision and Order for the amalgamation and rate setting mechanism (the "MAADs Decision") on August 30, 2018.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> EB-2017-0306 Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. and Union Gas Limited – MAAD.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> EB-2017-0307 Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. and Union Gas Limited – Rate Setting Mechanism.

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3. Enbridge Gas hereby applies to the OEB pursuant to Section 36 of the Act and pursuant to the MAADs Decision and Order for such final or interim Orders and Accounting Orders as necessary approving the final balances in the 2019 Demand Side Management ("DSM") Deferral and Variance Accounts (set out in Table 1 and Table 2 – excluding interest) and the disposition of these balances within the next available Quarterly Rate Adjustment Mechanism ("QRAM") application following the OEB's approval,<sup>3</sup> effective as soon as October 1, 2021: (i) for the EGD rate zone through a one-time adjustment in rates; and (ii) for the Union rate zones,<sup>4</sup> through a one-time adjustment in rates.

<u>Table 1</u> 2019 DSM Deferral and Variance Account Balances - EGD Rate Zone

Account	2019
DSM Incentive Deferral Account	\$6,717,372
DSM Variance Account	\$6,421,667
LRAM Variance Account	\$9,082
Total Balance	\$13,148,121

<u>Table 2</u> 2019 DSM Deferral and Variance Account Balances - Union Rate Zones

Account	2019
DSM Incentive Deferral Account	\$5,950,363
DSM Variance Account	\$2,335,533
LRAM Variance Account	\$928,440
Total Balance	\$9,214,336

4. Enbridge Gas further applies to the OEB for all necessary Orders and Directions concerning pre-hearing and hearing procedures necessary for the determination of this application.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Please see Exhibit B, Tab 3, Schedule 1 and Exhibit C, Tab 3, Schedule 1, for details of proposed allocation and disposition methodologies, timing of disposition and derivation of unit rates.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Collectively, the Union North and Union South rate zones are referred to as the "Union rate zones".

Exhibit B

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Exhibit A

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5. Enbridge Gas requests that the OEB's review of this application proceed by means of

a written hearing in English.

6. This application is supported by written evidence. This evidence may be amended,

from time to time, as required by the OEB or as circumstances may require.

7. The persons affected by this Application are the customers resident or located in the

municipalities, police villages, and Indigenous communities served by Enbridge Gas,

together with those to whom Enbridge Gas sells gas, or on whose behalf, Enbridge

Gas distributes, transmits or stores gas. It is impractical to set out the names and

addresses of all the customers because they are too numerous.

8. Enbridge Gas requests that all documents relating to this application and its

supporting evidence, including the responsive comments of any interested party, be

served on:

The Applicant:

Regulatory Contact:

Ms. Asha Patel

Technical Manager, Regulatory Applications

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DATED: March 10, 2021

Enbridge Gas Inc.

(Original Digitally Signed)

Asha Patel

Technical Manager, Regulatory Applications

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Subject: EB-2021-0072 Enbridge Gas Inc. - 2019 DSM Deferral and Variance Account Disposition Application - Notice of

Application

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#### To: All Intervenors in EB-2020-0067, EB-2019-0217, and EB-2019-0003:

On March 10, 2021, Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) for approval to clear amounts recorded in certain 2019 deferral and variance accounts related to its delivery of natural gas conservation and energy efficiency programs.

On March 23, 2021, the OEB issued the Notice of Application and the Letter of Direction for the proceeding. The OEB has directed Enbridge Gas to provide service of the OEB's Notice of Application and Enbridge Gas' application/evidence on all intervenors in the following proceedings:

- EB-2020-0067 2017 and 2018 Enbridge Gas DSM variance account proceeding;
- EB-2019-0217 2021 DSM Plan proceeding; and
- EB-2019-0003 Post-2020 DSM Framework consultation.

Attached please find the OEB's Notice of Application (English and French) along with the application and evidence filed by Enbridge Gas in this proceeding. The attached information is also available on the Enbridge Gas website at <a href="https://www.enbridgegas.com/Regulatory-Proceedings">https://www.enbridgegas.com/Regulatory-Proceedings</a>

Request for intervenors status are due by April 14, 2021.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

#### **Bonnie Jean Adams**

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