



Enbridge Gas Inc.

**Application for 2019 Demand Side Management Deferral
and Variance Account Disposition**

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1
April 20, 2021**

Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on March 10, 2021 under section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B) seeking approval to clear amounts recorded in certain 2019 deferral and variance accounts related to its delivery of natural gas conservation and energy efficiency programs.

A Notice of Hearing was issued on March 23, 2021. Each of Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA), Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME), Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe), Industrial Gas users Association (IGUA), Pollution Probe, School Energy Coalition (SEC) and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) applied for intervenor status and cost eligibility.

No objections were received from Enbridge Gas.

BOMA, CME, Energy Probe, IGUA, Pollution Probe, SEC and VECC are approved as intervenors. The list of parties in this proceeding is attached as Schedule A to this Procedural Order. BOMA, CME, Energy Probe, IGUA, Pollution Probe, SEC and VECC are eligible to apply for an award of costs under the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

In its letter of intervention, Pollution Probe states that Enbridge Gas should be required to file the "2019 Natural Gas DSM Annual Verification Report". The OEB notes that a link to the Evaluation Contractor's report titled "2019 Natural Gas Demand-Side Management Annual Verification Report" has been provided at Exhibit A/Tab 3/Schedule 1 of Enbridge Gas's evidence. Therefore, Pollution Probe's submission on this matter is not clear. In addition, the OEB notes that shareholder incentive and lost revenue adjustment mechanism balances that are proposed for disposition have been reviewed by the Evaluation Contractor as part of OEB-coordinated evaluation,

measurement and verification process and as such, the OEB expects its review of this application to be a fairly mechanistic process. Intervenors should focus their interrogatories on material issues and in keeping with the scope of the OEB's review.

The OEB also notes that several intervenors appear to have a common interest in that they wish to verify the accuracy of the account balances that are requested for disposition. Intervenors with common interests should coordinate their participation to avoid duplication of effort and should also review OEB staff interrogatories, which will be filed in advance of intervenor interrogatories.

Cost eligible intervenors should be aware that the OEB will not generally allow the recovery of costs for the attendance of more than one representative of any party, unless a compelling reason is provided when cost claims are filed. In making its decision on cost awards the OEB will consider whether cost eligible intervenors made reasonable efforts to focus their participation on material issues and whether they made reasonable efforts to coordinate their participation on common issues to avoid duplication.

It is necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding. Further procedural orders may be issued by the OEB.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. OEB staff shall request any relevant information and documentation from Enbridge Gas that is in addition to the evidence already filed, by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and served on Enbridge Gas and all other parties by **April 29, 2021**.
2. Intervenors shall request any relevant information and documentation from Enbridge Gas that is in addition to the evidence already filed, by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and served on Enbridge Gas and all other parties by **May 3, 2021**.
3. Enbridge Gas shall file with the OEB complete written responses to the interrogatories and serve them on all intervenors by **May 17, 2021**.
4. Any written submissions by OEB staff and intervenors shall be filed with the OEB and served on all other parties by **May 31, 2021**.

5. If Enbridge Gas wishes to file a reply submission, it shall file its written reply submission with the OEB and serve it on intervenors by **June 7, 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-2021-0072**, and be submitted in a searchable/unrestricted PDF format with a digital signature through the OEB's web portal at <https://p-pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/PivotalUX/>. 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. We encourage the use of RESS; however, parties who have not yet [set up an account](#), may email their documents to 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 Bell at Michael.Bell@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, Michael Millar at Michael.Millar@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, **April 20, 2021**

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

By delegation, before: Christine E. Long

Original Signed By

Christine E. Long
Registrar

Schedule A

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