



### **Enbridge Gas Inc.**

# Application for 2019 Earnings Sharing and Disposition of Deferral & Variance Account Balances

# PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2 June 8, 2021

Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on September 3, 2020 under section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B), for an order approving the disposition of balances in certain deferral and variance accounts (DVAs) and the sharing of earnings, if any, pursuant to a previously approved earnings sharing mechanism.

The intervenors and the applicant reached a settlement on the balances and disposition of all DVAs with the exception of the Tax Variance Deferral Account (TVDA). The OEB accepted the settlement proposal and scheduled a written process to hear the unsettled item (TVDA). The OEB issued its decision on the unsettled item on May 6, 2021 and directed Enbridge Gas to file a draft rate order along with supporting information including bill impacts. Enbridge Gas filed its draft rate order on May 14, 2021, with a proposed implementation date of July 1, 2021.

On June 2, 2021, Enbridge Gas filed a letter expressing concerns with its ability to successfully implement the rate riders on July 1, 2021. Enbridge Gas noted that it is in the process of migrating its legacy Union Gas customers to the Enbridge Gas billing system and it needed additional time to sufficiently test the DVA rate riders in the new system. Enbridge Gas requested that the OEB refrain from approving the draft rate order as filed, enabling Enbridge Gas to revise the draft rate order to defer the implementation date to October 1, 2021.

Enbridge Gas subsequently filed a letter on June 4, 2021, noting that parties to the settlement proposal were informed of the proposed change in the implementation date

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> EB-2017-0306 / 0307 Decision and Order August 30, 2018, application by Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. and Union Gas Limited to amalgamate under the OEB's policy on mergers, acquisition, amalgamation and divestiture (MAADs Decision).

and parties agreed or did not oppose an implementation date of October 1, 2021. Enbridge Gas further requested the OEB to establish a process for filing of a revised draft rate order with an implementation date of October 1, 2021.

The OEB accepts Enbridge Gas's request for a revised implementation date of October 1, 2021. The OEB notes that no parties to the settlement proposal opposed this change. As a result, the OEB is establishing a process to file and review a revised draft rate order. In addition, the OEB is extending the deadlines for intervenors to file cost claims.

It is necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding at this time.

### THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Enbridge Gas shall file with the OEB, and forward to all intervenors a revised draft rate order attaching a proposed Tariff of Rates and Charges effective October 1, 2021, by **June 14, 2021**. The draft rate order shall include customer rate impacts and supporting information showing the calculation of final rates/rate riders with an implementation date of October 1, 2021.
- 2. The draft rate order shall also include draft accounting orders for any accounts that have been revised as a result of the settlement proposal or findings in this Decision and Order.
- 3. Intervenors and OEB staff shall file any comments on the draft rate order with the OEB and forward them to Enbridge Gas on or before **June 21, 2021**.
- 4. Enbridge Gas shall file with the OEB and forward to the intervenors responses to any comments on its draft rate order on or before **June 25, 2021.**
- 5. Cost eligible intervenors shall file their cost claims or revised cost claims with the OEB and forward them to Enbridge Gas on or before **July 6, 2021**.
- 6. Enbridge Gas shall file with the OEB and forward to the intervenors any objections to the claimed costs by **July 12, 2021**.
- 7. Intervenors shall file with the OEB and forward to Enbridge Gas any responses to any objections for cost claims by **July 16, 2021**.

#### **How to File Materials**

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*.

Please quote file number, **EB-2020-0134**, for all materials filed and submit them in searchable/unrestricted PDF format with a digital signature through the OEB's web portal at <a href="https://p-pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/PivotalUX/">https://p-pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/PivotalUX/</a>.

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   for assistance.

All communications should be directed to the attention of the Registrar at the address below and be received by end of business, 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, Michael Millar at Michael.Millar@oeb.ca.

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**DATED** at Toronto, June 8, 2021

### **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

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