



Enbridge Gas Inc.

**Application for Multi-Year Natural Gas Demand Side
Management Plan (2022 to 2027)**

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1

June 21, 2021

Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) filed a multi-year natural gas demand side management (DSM) plan application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on May 3, 2021 under section 36(1) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*. Enbridge Gas is seeking approval of a new natural gas DSM policy framework, effective January 1, 2022 in addition to approval of a new multi-year DSM plan, inclusive of budgets, programs and targets from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2027.

In addition to the general approval of the proposed policy framework and multi-year DSM plan, Enbridge Gas requested the OEB approve its proposed DSM budget by July 30, 2021. Enbridge Gas also requested an interim decision by August 31, 2021 approving its proposed DSM activities in 2022, subject to necessary adjustments on a prospective basis following the OEB issuing its final Decision and Order in this proceeding.

A [Notice of Hearing](#) was issued on May 19, 2021.

Each of the following applied for intervenor status and cost eligibility:

- Anwaatin Inc. (Anwaatin)
- Association of Power Producers of Ontario (APPrO)
- Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA)
- Consumers Council of Canada (CCC)
- Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME)
- Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe)
- Environmental Defence
- Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario (FRPO)
- Green Energy Coalition (GEC)
- Housing Services Corporation (HSC)
- Industrial Gas Users Association (IGUA)
- London Property Management Association (LPMA)

- Low Income Energy Network (LIEN)
- Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers (OGVG)
- Ontario Sustainable Energy Association (OSEA)
- Pollution Probe
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)
- Small Business Utility Alliance (SBUA)

Anwaatin, APPrO, BOMA, CCC, CME, Energy Probe, Environmental Defence, FRPO, GEC, HSC, IGUA, LPMA, LIEN, OGVG, OSEA, Pollution Probe, SEC and SBUA are approved as intervenors and are eligible to apply for an award of costs under the OEB's [Practice Direction on Cost Awards](#). The list of parties in this proceeding is attached as Schedule A to this Procedural Order.

Eighteen groups have sought and been granted intervenor status in this proceeding. Parties should avoid duplication and should coordinate their participation on common issues. In making its decision on cost awards, the OEB will consider whether intervenors made reasonable efforts to avoid duplication and to ensure that their participation in the hearing was focused on material issues.

Cost eligible intervenors are advised 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.

Being eligible to apply for recovery of costs is not a guarantee of recovery of any costs claimed. Cost awards are made by way of OEB order at the end of a hearing.

DSM Activities for the 2022 DSM Program Year

The first priority in this proceeding is to consider the request for interim approval by August 31, 2021, of Enbridge Gas's 2022 DSM program year plan. To ensure program continuity, limit market disruption and confusion amongst potential participants and vendors, the OEB will consider Enbridge Gas's request for interim approval of the 2022 program year and wishes to provide parties an opportunity to make submissions on this request.

The schedule for submissions is set out below. Parties should focus their submissions to Enbridge Gas's request for interim approval of its 2022 DSM program year and avoid submissions related to other aspects of the application.

Early Approval of DSM Budget and General Review of Application

The OEB will address Enbridge Gas's request for approval of its proposed DSM budget and the process the OEB will implement to review and consider the draft Issues List in a subsequent Procedural Order that the OEB expects to issue shortly.

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

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. Intervenors and OEB staff who wish to file submissions on Enbridge Gas's request for interim approval of its 2022 DSM program year shall file them with the OEB and serve them on all parties by **Tuesday, July 6, 2021**.
2. Enbridge Gas shall file its reply submission with the OEB and serve it on all parties by **Tuesday, July 20, 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](#).

Please quote file number, **EB-2021-0002** for all materials filed and submit them in searchable/unrestricted PDF format with a digital signature through the [OEB's online filing portal](#).

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- Parties should use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the [Regulatory Electronic Submission System \(RESS\) Document Guidelines](#) found at the [Filing Systems page](#) on the OEB's website
- Parties are encouraged to use RESS. Those who have not yet [set up an account](#), or require assistance using the online filing portal can contact registrar@oeb.ca 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, Josh Wasylyk at Josh.Wasylyk@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, Lawren Murray at Lawren.Murray@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, **June 21, 2021**

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