



PUBLIC INTEREST ADVOCACY CENTRE
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July 6, 2021

VIA E-MAIL

Ms. Christine Long
Registrar and Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street, 27th floor
P.O. Box 2319
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Long:

**Re: EB-2021-0002 Enbridge Gas Inc. Natural Gas DSM Plan (2022-2027)
Request for Late Intervention of Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)**

On June 10, 2021, VECC prepared its Letter of Intervention (attached) in the above proceeding and inadvertently only sent the request to Enbridge Gas and did not copy the OEB. VECC apologizes for the error. As a result, VECC is now requesting late intervenor status and cost eligibility in the above proceeding. VECC is willing to accept the record in the proceeding as it stands.

VECC has a brief submission ready on Enbridge Gas's request for interim approval of its 2022 DSM program year and if accepted as an intervenor asks that it be permitted to file the submission immediately after the OEB's acceptance so as not to delay Enbridge Gas's reply.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

(Original signed by)

John Lawford

Counsel for VECC

Copy to: Ms. Asha Patel, Technical Manager, Regulatory Applications Enbridge Gas Inc.

EB-2021-0002 Enbridge Gas Inc. DSM Framework and 2022 to 2027 Conservation Programs

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Attached please find VECC's Letter of Intervention in the above proceeding.

Regards,

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June 10, 2021

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Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Long:

**Re: EB-2021-0002 Enbridge Gas Inc. Multi-year Natural Gas Conservation Framework
Notice of Intervention of Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)**

Please find enclosed the Notice of Intervention of VECC in the above-noted proceeding. We have also directed a copy of the same to the Applicant.

Yours truly,

(Original Signed By)

John Lawford, Counsel for VECC

Copy to: Enbridge Gas Inc.

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD
IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION BY
ENBRIDGE GAS INC.**

**MUTI-YEAR NATURAL GAS
CONSERVATION FRAMEWORK &
NATURAL GAS CONSERVATION**

**NOTICE OF INTERVENTION
OF THE
VULNERABLE ENERGY CONSUMERS COALITION**

To: Ms. Christine Long, Registrar and Board Secretary

And to: Ms. Asha Patel, Technical Manager, Regulatory Applications, Enbridge Gas Inc.

IDENTITY OF THE INTERVENOR AND ITS MEMBERSHIP

1. The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) hereby expresses its intention to intervene and participate in the above-mentioned proceeding. VECC consists of the following organizations:
 - (a) The Federation of Metro Tenants Association (FMTA)
 - (b) The Ontario Coalition of Senior Citizens' Organizations (OCSCO)

2. The Federation of the Metro Tenants Association (the "FMTA") is a non-profit corporation composed of over ninety-two affiliated tenants associations, individual tenants, housing organizations, and members of non-profit housing co-ops. In addition to encouraging the organization of tenants and the promotion of decent and affordable housing, the Federation provides general information, advice, and assistance to tenants. The address is:

500-27 Carlton Street
Toronto, ON
M5B 1L2

3. The Ontario Coalition of Senior Citizens' Organizations ("OCSCO") is a coalition of over 160 senior groups as well as individual members across Ontario. OCSCO represents the concerns of over 500,000 senior citizens through its group and individual members. OCSCO's mission is to improve the quality of life for Ontario's seniors. OCSCO's address is:

333 Wilson Avenue, Suite 406
Toronto, ON
M3H 1T2

4. The coalition of the FMTA and OCSCO under the name VECC has the specific mandate of intervening in proceedings to advocate on behalf of the interests of Ontario's vulnerable consumers with respect to energy issues, primarily through intervention in regulatory proceedings at the Ontario Energy Board.

(PIAC) in Ottawa assists in the representation of the interests of vulnerable consumers by ensuring the availability of competent representation and consultant support to the VECC participation.

6. VECC is a frequent intervenor in Board proceedings. Our annual information filing can be found on the Board's website at:
http://ontarioenergyboard.ca/oeb_Documents/Intervenor_Filings/VECC_2014_annual_intervenor_filing20140605.pdf

INDIVIDUALS AUTHORIZED TO REPRESENT VECC IN THIS PROCEEDING

7. The name & address of the agent authorized to receive documents on behalf of VECC is:

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8. VECC requests that all correspondence and documentation also be electronically copied to VECC's consultant:

Shelley Grice (project manager)
46 Scarborough Road
Toronto, Ontario
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647-880-9942 (office)
shelley.grice@rogers.com

9. To mitigate costs VECC requests only electronic copies of the materials. VECC may request paper copies of some or all of the materials should this become necessary. VECC requests electronic copies of the application and any additional supporting materials are sent to Mr. Lawford and Ms. Grice at their respective e-mail addresses.

GROUND FOR THE INTERVENTION

10. VECC's interest in this proceeding with respect to Enbridge's Proposed DSM Framework effective 2022 and the 2022-2027 Multi-Year DSM Plan relates to the proposed Low Income programs outlined in the Multi-Year Plan and how the framework and offerings address the needs of Low Income and vulnerable customers.

INTERESTS OF THE INTEVENOR

11. VECC is intervening in order to ensure that the interests of gas consumers, particularly low-income

consumers, are fully represented in the determination of just and reasonable rates.

INTENTION TO SEEK COST AWARDS

12. VECC will be requesting an award of costs for its participation in this proceeding and believes that, as a coalition representing the direct interests of consumers, it meets the eligibility criteria set out in the Ontario Energy Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure (Section 41) and its' Practice Direction on Cost Awards (Section 3.03).

13. VECC's members do not have access to the direct funding required to retain appropriate legal and consulting support for its intervention in OEB proceedings. Accordingly, VECC relies on PIAC to provide legal support and retain qualified consultants on the basis that PIAC can recover the related fees and disbursements from the Board based on the Board's Practice Direction on Cost Awards at the prevailing Cost Award Tariff.

DATED AT TORONTO, JUNE 10, 2021