ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE

Enbridge Gas Inc. has applied to renew its natural gas franchise agreement with the Town of Hearst.

Learn more. Have your say.

Enbridge Gas Inc. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board for:

1. **An order approving the renewal of a natural gas franchise agreement with the Town of Hearst which would grant to Enbridge Gas Inc. the right to construct, operate and add to the natural gas distribution system and to distribute, store and transmit natural gas within the Town of Hearst for a period of 20 years.**
2. **An order directing and declaring that the assent of the municipal electors of the Town of Hearst is not required in relation to the natural gas franchise agreement.**

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. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide whether to grant 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.

CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

In order to distribute natural gas in Ontario, a person must comply with the requirements of the *Municipal Franchises Act* (Act). This Act requires that a person that intends to distribute natural gas within a municipality must first receive approval from the OEB, in the form of a certificate of public convenience and necessity (certificate). Where the OEB has issued a certificate for an area but there is currently no natural gas distribution service, another person can apply for a certificate to serve that area.

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 the application filed by Enbridge Gas 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 active participant (called an intervenor). Apply by **August 3, 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

The OEB does not intend to provide for an award of costs for this hearing.

LEARN MORE

Our file number for this application is **EB-2021-0195.** 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-2021-0195** on the OEB website: **www.oeb.ca/participate.** You can also phone our Public Information Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.

ORAL VS. WRITTEN HEARINGS

There are two types of OEB hearings– oral and written. The OEB intends to proceed with this application by way of a written hearing. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **August 3, 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 hearing will be held under section 9(3) and 9(4) of the Municipal Franchises Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.55.

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