



Ontario Energy Board Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 4

EB-2021-0002

ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

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

BEFORE: Michael Janigan
Presiding Commissioner

Anthony Zlahtic
Commissioner

Patrick Moran
Commissioner

September 20, 2021

Enbridge Gas Inc. applied to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) for approval of a new natural gas demand side management (DSM) policy framework, effective January 1, 2022, as well as 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.

The OEB approved separate six-year DSM plans for Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. (EGD) and Union Gas Limited (Union) on January 20, 2016 (the 2015-2020 DSM Decision).¹ On July 16, 2020, the OEB approved a one-year extension of the 2020 DSM plans for the EGD and Union rate zones.²

The OEB issued [Procedural Order No. 1](#) on June 21, 2021, which among other things, set out a schedule for submissions related to Enbridge Gas's request for interim approval by August 31, 2021 of its 2022 DSM program year.

The OEB issued [Procedural Order No. 2](#) on June 22, 2021, which denied Enbridge Gas's request for early approval of its proposed 2022 to 2027 DSM budget and set out the schedule for the issues list process. The OEB indicated that a comprehensive review of the programs and budgets was required before any approvals can be provided.

The OEB issued a [Decision and Order](#) on August 26, 2021, which approved the continuation of the OEB-approved 2015-2021 DSM plans for the 2022 program year. The Order provided that Enbridge Gas may file updated evidence related to its 2023-2027 DSM activities by September 16, 2021.

By correspondence of September 1, 2021, Enbridge Gas requested an extension to the date for filing updated evidence to September 30, 2021. Enbridge Gas indicated that the updates would be mostly mechanical in nature necessitated by the removal of 2022 DSM program year from its application. However, for administrative convenience, Enbridge Gas proposed to file a new evidentiary package rather than to amend pages of its previously filed evidence.

¹ [EB-2015-0029/0049, Decision and Order, January 20, 2016](#)

² EB-2019-0271

The OEB issued a [Decision on Issues List and Procedural Order No. 3](#) on September 9, 2021, which provided the OEB's findings on the scope of the proceeding and approved a final Issues List. The OEB also established a number of procedural steps for the next phase of the proceeding. One of those steps was that parties intending to file any evidence in this proceeding were to file a letter with the OEB describing the nature of the proposed evidence by September 23, 2021. The OEB also extended the deadline for the filing of evidentiary updates by Enbridge Gas until September 30, 2021.

On September 15, 2021, Pollution Probe requested that the OEB extend the deadline for parties to advise the OEB of their intention to file evidence until October 11, 2021. Pollution Probe indicated that since Enbridge Gas's updated evidence will not be filed until September 30, 2021, parties would not be able to ensure there was no duplication with Enbridge Gas's updated evidence.

Findings

The OEB will extend the date by which parties must advise the OEB of their intention to file evidence in this proceeding until October 4, 2021. As Enbridge Gas has advised that the proposed evidentiary update will be largely mechanical in nature, its impact on the determination of parties to inform the OEB of the intention to file evidence is likely minimal. However, this extension will allow parties an opportunity to assess whether the excision of the 2022 DSM programs from the 2023-2027 DSM plan affects their intention to offer evidence. All other dates included in Procedural Order No. 3 will remain unchanged.

Parties are reminded that any proposal for additional evidence should not duplicate that of OEB staff. Additionally, parties intending to file evidence are strongly encouraged to work co-operatively.

ORDER

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Parties that intend to file any evidence in this proceeding shall file a letter with the OEB describing the nature of the proposed evidence by **October 4, 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](#).

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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 September 20, 2021

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