



**EB-2021-0002**

**Enbridge Gas Inc.**

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

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 5**

**November 3, 2021**

Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) 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.

By correspondence of October 26, 2021, Environmental Defence requested that the proceeding schedule be adjusted to include a step for Enbridge Gas's evidence to be updated or supplemented to address the federal government's Greener Homes Grant program administered by Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) prior to the deadline for expert evidence. Environmental Defence indicated that if the OEB does not adjust the schedule for an evidence update, then it requested that the deadline for intervenor evidence be moved back by 10 business days to December 10, 2021 from the current deadline of November 26, 2021.

Enbridge Gas responded to the Environmental Defence letter indicating that it is in confidential negotiations with NRCan to co-fund a joint home retrofit program offering in Ontario. The letter also stated that no extension in the OEB's procedural timetable is therefore necessary nor appropriate at this time.

On October 29, 2021, Environmental Defence responded agreeing with Enbridge Gas that an evidence update is not required at this time. However, it still maintained the request for an extension of the intervenor evidence deadline. Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) and Pollution Probe filed letters supporting Environmental Defence's request for an extension to file intervenor evidence.

Enbridge Gas responded to Environmental Defence's request for an extension to file evidence indicating it does not support the extension sought by Environmental Defence due to concerns that the overall proceeding schedule will require subsequent changes.

Environmental Defence responded requesting that if the schedule is not adjusted that Enbridge Gas be directed to respond to its interrogatories by November 5, 2021 as it filed 10 days prior to the OEB's deadline.

On November 1, 2021 the OEB adopted a new [protocol for adjusting adjudicative timelines](#). The OEB has also established a Holiday Timeout period for the late December and early January period. This year's Holiday Timeout period will be December 19, 2021 to January 8, 2022.

Having considered the request and the upcoming Holiday Timeout period, the OEB will extend the date by which OEB staff, BOMA, Environmental Defence, GEC and SBUA shall file their evidence with the OEB in this proceeding until December 1, 2021. The OEB has considered the overall proceeding timelines and the Holiday Timeout period when determining the appropriate extension for parties to file evidence.

The OEB is mindful that various extensions can cause unnecessary delay in an already tight schedule. The OEB is of the view that a modest extension to the date for parties to file evidence will allow them to reasonably consider the interrogatory responses while still maintaining the remainder of the proceeding schedule.

The OEB expects that Enbridge Gas will advise when an agreement with NRCAN is reached and its effect upon the proposed design and/or budget of its proposed programs.

The OEB understands Enbridge Gas's workload in answering interrogatories but in light of the tight time schedule, the OEB would appreciate any effort Enbridge Gas can make to file its interrogatory responses earlier than November 15, 2021.

The dates for procedural steps 8-11 set out in Procedural Order No. 3 remain unchanged.

## ORDER

### THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. OEB staff, BOMA, Environmental Defence, GEC and SBUA shall file their evidence with the OEB by **December 1, 2021**.
2. All other dates in Procedural Order number 3 remain the same.

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**DATED** at Toronto November 3, 2021

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

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