



Enbridge Gas Inc.

2022 Federal Carbon Pricing Program Application

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1 November 17, 2021

Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) has applied to the OEB for approval under section 36(1) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998 (OEB Act) to increase rates effective April 1, 2022 to recover costs associated with meeting its obligations under the federal *Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act* (GGPPA). Enbridge Gas has also applied to recover from customers the 2020 balances in the related deferral and variance accounts as well as making changes to those accounts to recognize the change from the federal Output-Based Pricing System to the provincial Emissions Performance Standards.

The GGPPA established a Federal Carbon Pricing Program (FCPP) under which a natural gas utility in Ontario, such as Enbridge Gas, is required to pay a carbon charge to the Government of Canada for emissions from the natural gas that it delivers to its customers, and also incurs obligations for emissions from the operation of Enbridge Gas's natural gas distribution system. The carbon charge under the GGPPA came into effect on April 1, 2019, increased on April 1, 2020 and on April 1, 2021, and will increase again on April 1, 2022.

A Notice of Hearing was issued on October 18, 2021. Each of Anwaatin Inc. (Anwaatin), Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA), Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters (CME), Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe), School Energy Coalition (SEC), and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) applied for intervenor status and cost eligibility.

No objection was received from Enbridge Gas.

Anwaatin, BOMA, CME, Energy Probe, SEC, and VECC are approved as intervenors. The list of parties in this proceeding is attached as Schedule A to this Procedural Order. Anwaatin, BOMA, CME, Energy Probe, SEC, and VECC are eligible to apply for an award of costs under the OEB's Practice Direction on Cost Awards.

Intervenors should not engage in detailed exploration of items that do not appear to be material and should coordinate their participation on common issues to avoid duplication. In making its decision on cost awards, the OEB will consider whether cost

eligible intervenors made reasonable efforts to avoid duplication and to ensure that their participation in the hearing was focused on material issues.

Cost eligible intervenors should be aware 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.

At this time provision is being made for written interrogatories and submissions. Parties should consult sections 26 and 27 of the OEB's Rules of Practice and Procedure regarding required naming and numbering conventions and other matters related to interrogatories.

It is necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding. Further procedural orders may be issued by the OEB.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- OEB staff and intervenors shall request any relevant information and documentation from Enbridge Gas that is in addition to the evidence already filed, by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and served on Enbridge Gas and all other parties by **December 1, 2021**.
- 2. Enbridge Gas shall file with the OEB complete written responses to the interrogatories and serve them on all intervenors by **December 15, 2021**.
- 3. Any written submissions by OEB staff and intervenors shall be filed with the OEB and served on all other parties by **January 12, 2022**.
- 4. Enbridge Gas may file a written reply submission with the OEB and serve it on intervenors by **January 19, 2022**.

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 <u>Rules of Practice and Procedure</u>.

Please quote file number, **EB-2021-0209** for all materials filed and submit them in searchable/unrestricted PDF format with a digital signature through the <u>OEB's online</u> filing portal.

- Filings should clearly state the sender's name, postal address, telephone number and e-mail address
- Please use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the <u>Regulatory Electronic Submission System (RESS)</u>
 Document Guidelines found at the Filing Systems page on the OEB's website
- Parties are encouraged to use RESS. Those who have not yet <u>set up an account</u>, 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, Vince Mazzone at vince.mazzone@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, Lawren Murray at lawren.murray@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, November 17, 2021

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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