

EB-2020-0293

Enbridge Gas Inc.

Application for leave to construct natural gas pipeline and associated facilities in the City of Ottawa

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 4 December 21, 2021

Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) applied to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on March 2, 2021, under sections 90 and 97 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15, (Schedule B), for an order granting leave to construct approximately 19.8 kilometres of natural gas pipeline and associated facilities in the City of Ottawa. The proposed natural gas pipeline will replace the existing St. Laurent Pipeline in two final phases of its multiple year project. Enbridge Gas also applied to the OEB for approval of the form of land-use agreements it offers to landowners for the routing and construction of the project.

On November 8, 2021, the OEB issued Procedural Order No.1 which, among other things, set a November 22, 2021 deadline for the filing of interrogatories by the intervenors and OEB staff. Enbridge Gas was ordered to file its responses to the interrogatories by December 6, 2021. On December 1, 2021, Enbridge Gas requested that the OEB extend the deadline for interrogatory responses to December 13, 2021. By Procedural Order No. 2, dated December 3, 2021, the OEB granted the extension request. Enbridge Gas filled responses to the interrogatories on December 13, 2021, which included a request for confidential treatment of certain items.

On December 17, 2021, the OEB issued its Decision on the Confidentiality Request and Procedural Order No. 3, finding there was no basis for the requested confidential treatment of certain information and ordering Enbridge Gas to file unredacted versions of certain interrogatory responses¹. The OEB also set the schedule for further steps in the proceeding, including a transcribed technical conference on January 27, 2022; written submissions from OEB staff and intervenors by February 17, 2022; and a reply submission by Enbridge Gas by February 22, 2022.

¹ Exhibit I.STAFF.19, Attachment 1 – Updated Indigenous Consultation Log and Exhibit I.FRPO.18a) vi) and vii) – Specific parameters in Enbridge Gas Contract for Gas Transportation and Sale with Gazifere Inc.

On December 20, 2021, in accordance with the Decision on Confidentiality and Procedural Order No. 3, Enbridge Gas filed the unredacted documents. Enbridge Gas also indicated that it would require more time than set by the Decision on Confidentiality and Procedural Order No. 3 to respond to written submissions. Enbridge Gas noted that a "...broad variety and complexity of issues raised in interrogatories and the fact that the OEB has determined it will proceed with a Technical Conference..." indicate that it would need additional time to respond. Enbridge Gas requested an extension to file its reply submission from February 22, 2022 to March 3, 2022.

The OEB has considered Enbridge Gas's request and its comments regarding the expected complexity of the issues raised in the interrogatories, and will grant Enbridge Gas the requested extension until March 3, 2022 to file its written reply submission.

All other dates in the procedural schedule remain unchanged.

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:

1. Enbridge Gas shall file a written reply submission, if any, with the OEB and serve it on all parties by **March 3, 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>.

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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, Zora Crnojacki at Zora.Crnojacki@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, James Sidlofsky at James.Sidlofsky@oeb.ca

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DATED at Toronto, December 21, 2021

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