

## **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

**IN THE MATTER OF** the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, Schedule B; and in particular sections 90(1) and 97 thereof;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an application by Enbridge Gas Inc. for an order granting leave to construct natural gas distribution pipelines and ancillary facilities that make up a Community Expansion Project to serve the community of Haldimand Shores in the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand.

### **APPLICATION**

1. Enbridge Gas Inc. (“Enbridge Gas” or the “Company”) hereby applies to the Ontario Energy Board (“OEB”) pursuant to section 90(1) of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15, Schedule B (the “Act”), for an order granting leave to construct natural gas pipelines and facilities, as described herein, in the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand, Ontario. The pipelines consist of:
  - (a) Approximately 7.3 km of Nominal Pipe Size (“NPS”) 2-inch polyethylene (“PE”) natural gas distribution pipeline, and
  - (b) Approximately 385 m of NPS 4-inch PE natural gas distribution pipeline.
  - (c) Approximately 115m of NPS 4-inch steel (“ST”) natural gas distribution pipeline

2. For ease of reference and to assist the OEB with preparation of the notice of application for the Project, a map of the proposed facilities is included as Attachment 1 to this Exhibit.
3. On June 9, 2021, the proposed Haldimand Shores Community Expansion Project (“Project”) was approved to receive funding assistance as part of Phase 2 of the Government of Ontario’s Natural Gas Expansion Program (“NGEP”), which provides financial support to help utilities expand natural gas distribution in communities that are not currently connected to the natural gas system. The Project will provide approximately 112 residential customers located in the community of Haldimand Shores with access to safe, reliable, and affordable natural gas distribution services.
4. Enbridge Gas has entered into a 20-year Municipal Franchise Agreement with the Township of Alwick/Haldimand, effective June 5, 2008.<sup>1</sup> Enbridge Gas also holds a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for any project work within the Township of Alwick/Haldimand.<sup>2</sup>
5. With leave of the OEB, construction of the Project is planned to commence in September 2022 and be placed into service by December 2022. To meet construction timelines, Enbridge Gas respectfully requests the approval of this application as soon as possible and not later than August 19, 2022. The proposed construction schedule can be found at Exhibit C, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Table 1.
6. Enbridge Gas intends to charge a System Expansion Surcharge (“SES”) to all new customers taking gas distribution service from the Project. In accordance

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<sup>1</sup> EB-2008-0087

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with the OEB's EB-2020-0094 Decision and Order, the SES will be a fixed volumetric rate of \$0.23 per cubic metre of gas to be charged in addition to Enbridge Gas's base distribution rates as approved by the OEB. The SES is proposed to be charged to all customers taking gas distribution service from the Project for a term of 40 years. Detailed information about the proposed SES and its applicability to the Project can be found in Exhibit D, Tab 1, Schedule 1.

7. If the OEB determines that it will conduct a hearing for this application, then Enbridge Gas requests that it proceed by way of written hearing in English.
8. Enbridge Gas requests that the OEB make the following orders:
  - (i) pursuant to section 90(1) of the Act, an Order granting leave to construct the Project; and
  - (ii) pursuant to section 97 of the Act, an Order approving the form of temporary land use agreements and easement agreements found at Exhibit F, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Attachments 1 and 2.
9. Enbridge Gas requests that copies of all documents filed with the OEB in connection with this proceeding be served on it and on its counsel, as follows:

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DATED at the City of Chatham, Ontario this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022.

**ENBRIDGE GAS INC.**

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