

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 the City of Kawartha Lakes.

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 community of the City of Kawartha Lakes (including Bobcaygeon). The specific pipeline facilities for which the Company is seeking OEB approval through this Application consist of:
 - (i) **A Supply Lateral:**
 - Approximately 25 km of Nominal Pipe Size (“NPS”) 6 inch extra high pressure (“XHP”) steel (“ST”) natural gas distribution pipeline.
 - Approximately 2 km of NPS 6 inch high pressure polyethylene (“HPPE”) natural gas distribution pipeline.
 - Approximately 1 km of NPS 6 high pressure (“HP”) ST natural gas distribution pipeline.
 - (ii) **An Eastern Reinforcement:**
 - Approximately 13 km of NPS 6 inch XHP ST natural gas 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.
3. On June 9, 2021, the proposed Bobcaygeon 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”),¹ 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 4,000 customers located in the community of the City of Kawartha Lakes (including Bobcaygeon) with access to safe, reliable, and affordable natural gas distribution services.²
4. Enbridge Gas has franchise agreements³ with and holds Certificate(s) of Public Convenience and Necessity⁴ for the City of Kawartha Lakes (within which Bobcaygeon is located) and for the Township of Cavan-Monaghan⁵ which allow the Company to construct, operate and add to the natural gas distribution system within all parts of the municipality.

¹ As discussed within Exhibits B, C and D of the attached pre-filed evidence, the Project description approved by the Government of Ontario for funding assistance as part of Phase 2 of the NGEP also included a Western Reinforcement Pipeline which is anticipated to be placed into service in 2029. The final engineering design of the Western Reinforcement Pipeline is not yet completed. The Company expects to seek OEB approval for leave to construct the Western Reinforcement Pipeline facilities through a separate application in the future.

² 3,978 customers, including: 3,854 residential; and 124 commercial/industrial customers.

³ City of Kawartha Lakes - RP-2005-0024/EB-2005-0458 (expiring February 7, 2026); and Township of Cavan-Monaghan – RP-2004-0125/EB-2004-0199 (expiring September 7, 2024).

⁴ City of Kawartha Lakes - EB-2017-0147 (dated March 1, 2018); and Township of Cavan-Monaghan – RP-2004-0125/EB-2004-0198 (dated July 16, 2004)

⁵ Formerly the Township of Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan until 2007.

5. With leave of the OEB:
 - (i) Construction of the **Supply Lateral** is planned to commence in February 2023 and to be fully placed into service by March 2024.⁶
 - (ii) Construction of the **Eastern Reinforcement** pipeline is planned to commence in November 2024 and to be placed into service by July 2025.
6. To meet construction timelines, Enbridge Gas respectfully requests the approval of this application as soon as possible and ideally not later than November 17, 2022. The proposed construction schedule can be found at Exhibit D, Tab 1, Schedule 2.
7. Enbridge Gas intends to charge a System Expansion Surcharge (“SES”) to all new customers taking gas distribution service from the Project. In accordance 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 E.
8. 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.
9. Enbridge Gas requests that the OEB make the following orders:
 - (i) pursuant to section 90(1) of the Act, and Order granting leave to construct the Project;

⁶ As discussed within Exhibits B, C and D of the attached pre-filed evidence, a segment of the Supply Lateral is anticipated to be placed into service by December 2023, and the second segment of the Supply Lateral is anticipated to be placed into service by March 2024.

(ii) pursuant to section 97 of the Act, and Order approving the form of temporary land use agreements and easement agreements found at Exhibit G, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Attachments 1 and 2; and

10. 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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