

## **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

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

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an application by Enbridge Gas Inc. for an order granting leave to construct natural gas pipelines in the Municipality of Chatham Kent and Essex County.

### **APPLICATION**

1. Enbridge Gas Inc. (“Enbridge Gas” or the “Company”) hereby applies to the Ontario Energy Board (the “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 the following:
  - Approximately 19 km of Nominal Pipe Size (“NPS”) 36 natural gas pipeline with a Maximum Operating Pressure (“MOP”) of 6040 kPag from the existing Enbridge Gas Dover Transmission Station in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent to a new valve site in the Municipality of Lakeshore; and
  - Approximately 12 km of NPS 16 natural gas pipeline with a MOP of 6040 kPag in the Municipality of Lakeshore, the Town of Kingsville, and the Municipality of Leamington.
2. Enbridge Gas will also construct ancillary measurement, pressure regulation, and station facilities within the Township of Dawn Euphemia, in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, and valve-site station facilities within the Town of Kingsville and the Municipality of Leamington.

3. The facilities, collectively referred to as the Panhandle Regional Expansion Project (“Project”), are required to expand Enbridge Gas’s Panhandle Transmission System (“Panhandle System”), which transports natural gas between Enbridge Gas’s Dawn Compressor Station, located in the Township of Dawn Euphemia, and the Ojibway Valve Site, located in the City of Windsor, serving residential, commercial, and industrial markets through natural gas distribution systems in the municipalities of Dawn-Euphemia, St Clair, Chatham-Kent, Windsor, Lakeshore, Leamington, Kingsville, Essex, Amherstburg, LaSalle, and Tecumseh (“Panhandle Market”).
4. The Project as proposed is designed to reliably serve increased demands for firm service in the Panhandle Market, including, in particular, incremental demands from the greenhouse, automotive, and power generation sectors. The Project was identified in Enbridge Gas’s Asset Management Plan as part of the Company’s 2022 Rates proceeding.<sup>1</sup> With leave of the OEB, construction of the NPS 36 pipeline and ancillary measurement, pressure regulation and station facilities is planned to commence in Q1 2023 and be placed into service by November 2023, and construction of the NPS 16 pipeline and valve-site station (tie-in) facilities is planned to commence in Q2 2024 and be placed into service by November 2024. The capacity provided by the Project is intended to ensure the growing Panhandle Market has sufficient capacity until Winter 2028/2029.
5. For ease of reference and to assist the OEB with preparation of the notice of application for the proposed Project, a map of the proposed facilities is included at Attachment 1 to this Exhibit.

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<sup>1</sup> EB-2021-0148

6. Selection of the route and location for the proposed facilities associated with the Project was supported by an independent environmental consultant through the process outlined in the OEB's *Environmental Guidelines for the Location, Construction, and Operation of Hydrocarbon Pipelines and Facilities in Ontario, 7th Edition, 2016* (the "Guidelines").
7. The parties affected by this application are: (i) the owners of lands, government agencies and municipalities over which the pipeline will be constructed; and (ii) Enbridge Gas's customers resident or located in the municipalities, police villages, Indigenous communities and Métis organizations served by Enbridge Gas, together with those to whom Enbridge Gas sells gas, or on whose behalf Enbridge Gas distributes, transmits, or stores gas. It is impractical to set out in this application the names and addresses of such persons because they are too numerous.
8. Enbridge Gas requests that the OEB's review of this application proceed by way of written hearing in English.
9. Enbridge Gas requests that the OEB issue the following orders:
  - (i) pursuant to section 90(1) of the Act, an Order granting leave to construct the Project.
  - (ii) pursuant to section 97 of the Act, an Order approving the form of pipeline easement agreement found at Exhibit G, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Attachment 3, and the form of temporary land use agreement found at Exhibit G, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Attachment 4.

10. Enbridge Gas requests that documents relating to the application and its supporting evidence, including the responsive comments of any interested party, be served on Enbridge Gas and its counsel as follows:

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DATED at the City of Chatham, Ontario this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022.

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