City of St. Thomas
545 Talbot Street
St. Thomas, ON N5P 3V7

Attention: Maria Konefal, City Clerk

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This is Exhibit "A" to the Affidavit of Gary Collins sworn before me this 12th day of July, 2022.

Lesley M Austin

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A Commissioner, etc.

Enbridge Gas Inc.
50 Keil Drive North
Chatham, Ontario, Canada
N7M 5M1

July 8, 2022

Maria Konefal, City Clerk
City of St. Thomas
545 Talbot Street
St. Thomas, ON N5P 3V7

Dear Ms. Konefal:

Re: Enbridge Gas Inc.
Application for Renewal of Franchise Agreement with the City of St. Thomas
Ontario Energy Board File No. EB-2022-0195

In accordance with instructions set out by the Ontario Energy Board's Letter of Direction dated July 7, 2022, Enbridge Gas now serves upon you a copy of the Notice of Hearing together with a copy of the relevant Application for approval of the Franchise Agreement between Enbridge Gas and the City of St. Thomas.

The Ontario Energy Board will be arranging for publication of the Notice of Hearing in the *St. Thomas Times Journal* on Tuesday, July 19, 2022.

Yours truly,

[Original Signed By]

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Encl.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE

Enbridge Gas Inc. has applied to renew its natural gas franchise agreement with the City of St. Thomas.

Learn more. Have your say.

Enbridge Gas Inc. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board for:

1. **An order approving the renewal of a natural gas franchise agreement with the City of St. Thomas which would grant to Enbridge Gas Inc. the right to construct, operate and add to the natural gas distribution system and to distribute, store and transmit natural gas within the City of St. Thomas for a period of 20 years.**
2. **An order directing and declaring that the assent of the municipal electors of the City of St. Thomas is not required in relation to the by-law approving the natural gas franchise agreement.**

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD IS HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider Enbridge Gas's application. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide whether to grant Enbridge Gas's requests.

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. We make decisions that serve the public interest. Our goal is to promote a financially viable and efficient energy sector that provides you with reliable energy services at a reasonable cost.

CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

In order to construct any works to distribute natural gas in Ontario, a person must comply with the requirements of the *Municipal Franchises Act (Act).* This Act requires that a person that intends to construct any works to supply natural gas within a municipality must first receive approval from the OEB, in the form of a certificate of public convenience and necessity (certificate). Where the OEB has issued a certificate for an area within which there is currently no natural gas distribution service, another person can apply for a certificate to construct works to supply that area.

BE INFORMED AND HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information regarding this application and to be involved in the process.

- You can review the application filed by Enbridge Gas on the OEB's website now
- You can file a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing
- You can become an active participant (called an intervenor). Apply by **July 29th** or the hearing will go ahead without you and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding
- At the end of the process, you can review the OEB's decision and its reasons on our website

The OEB does not intend to provide for an award of costs for this hearing.

LEARN MORE

Our file number for this application is **EB-2022-0195.** To learn more about this hearing, find instructions on how to file a letter with your comments or become an intervenor, or to access any document related to this case, please enter the file number **EB-2022-0195** on the OEB website: **www.oeb.ca/participate.** You can also phone our Public Information Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.

ORAL VS. WRITTEN HEARINGS

There are two types of OEB hearings– oral and written. The OEB intends to proceed with this application by way of a written hearing. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **July 29th.**

PRIVACY

If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the public record and the OEB website. However, your personal telephone number, home address and email address will be removed. If you are a business, all your information will remain public. If you apply to become an intervenor, all information will be public.

This hearing will be held under section 9(3) and 9(4) of the Municipal Franchises Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.55.

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