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Dear Mr. Todd:

**Re: Enbridge Gas Inc. - Application for the renewal of a municipal franchise agreement with, and certificate amendment for, the Municipality of Leamington
OEB File Number: EB-2022-0201**

The OEB's standard practice is to issue a decision with respect to a franchise renewal application under the *Municipal Franchises Act* within 90 days of the OEB receiving a complete application. A letter advising that Enbridge Gas Inc.'s application is complete was issued on July 14, 2022. Subject to the information you provide in response to this letter, Procedural Order No. 1 may be reflective of dates that will enable the OEB to meet its intended decision timeline.

To assist the OEB in setting out the procedural timeline for the hearing in the proceeding noted above, the OEB issued a letter to the Municipality of Leamington (Municipality) on August 12, 2022, requesting additional detail in respect of the anticipated nature of its intervention request.

By letter dated August 19, 2022, the Municipality advised that it will focus its challenge to the Model Franchise Agreement (MFA) on s. 12 of the said agreement and reserved its right to make additional arguments. Prior decisions of the OEB have established that there must be compelling reasons in support of any deviation from the provisions of the MFA. If possible, please advise of the nature of the reasons for deviation from the MFA, and the details of supporting evidence the municipality intends to file. Please also disclose who will be providing the evidence.

Please respond to this letter by **August 29, 2022**. The OEB will consider your response and will issue a procedural order in due course.

Please direct any questions relating to this application to the Case Manager, Natalya Plummer, Analyst, at 416-440-7645 or Natalya.Plummer@oeb.ca.

Yours truly,

Nancy Marconi
Registrar