

**OEB Staff Questions
Enbridge Gas Inc.
EB-2022-0232**

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Staff Question-1

Reference: (i) Schedule D(1), By-law 2022-46

Preamble:

Enbridge Gas has two existing natural gas franchise agreements in place with the Township of Severn under legacy Union Gas Limited (Union Gas) (expiring on May 1, 2023) and legacy Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. (EGD) (expiring on November 7, 2033).

Enbridge Gas has applied for the renewal of its franchise agreement with the Township of Severn as a result of the expiring legacy Union Gas franchise agreement.

The draft by-law, at reference (i), states that the Township of Severn's existing by-laws authorizing the legacy franchise agreements with Union Gas and EGD will be cancelled upon the new franchise agreement taking effect.

Question(s):

- a) Please confirm that Enbridge Gas seeks to replace the legacy Union Gas and legacy EGD franchise agreements with a new franchise agreement between Enbridge Gas and the Township of Severn. If not, please explain why not.
- b) Please explain why Enbridge Gas does not allow the legacy Union Gas franchise agreement to expire and continue with the legacy EGD franchise agreement in effect until November 7, 2033.

Staff Question-2

Reference: (i) Application, paragraphs 3-5, 14

Preamble:

Enbridge Gas applied for an order of the OEB canceling and superseding its existing certificates of public convenience and necessity (certificates) for the Township of Severn and the former Township of Orillia and replacing them with a single certificate to construct works to supply gas in the Township of Severn.

Enbridge Gas states that the Township of Severn was formed on January 1, 1994, through the amalgamation of Matchedash Township with the Township of Orillia, the former Village of Coldwater, and portions of the former Township of Medonte and former Township of Tay.

Enbridge Gas currently has an existing certificate for the Township of Severn¹, dated October 17, 2013, and for the former Township of Orillia², dated July 28, 1958.

Question(s):

- a) OEB staff notes that Enbridge Gas's certificate for the Township of Severn was effective prior to the effective date of the formation of the Township of Severn. Please confirm if Enbridge Gas's existing certificate for the Township of Severn covers the boundaries of the municipality as it is currently constituted.

If not, please provide a map outlining where Enbridge Gas's authorization to serve the Township of Severn (as it is currently constituted) currently exists.

If yes, please explain why Enbridge Gas did not consider requesting that the OEB cancel Enbridge Gas's certificate for the former Township of Orillia and have Enbridge Gas's existing certificate for the Township of Severn remain in effect? Please confirm if Enbridge Gas would be agreeable to this approach.

¹ EB-2013-0296

² FBC 256