



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

October 25, 2022

Ms. Nancy Marconi
Registrar
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Marconi:

**Re: Enbridge Gas Inc.
Application for Renewal of Franchise Agreement with the Village of Merrickville-
Wolford
Ontario Energy Board File No. EB-2022-0264**

In accordance with instructions set out by the Ontario Energy Board's Letter of Direction dated October 19, 2022, enclosed is my Affidavit of Service in regard to the above-noted proceeding.

Yours truly,

Gary Collins
Sr. Analyst Regulatory Research

Encl.

IN THE MATTER OF the *Municipal Franchises Act*, R.S.O. 1990 c. M.55, as amended;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Enbridge Gas Inc. for an Order approving the terms and conditions upon which, and the period for which, the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford is, by by-law, to grant to Enbridge Gas Inc. the right to construct and operate works for the distribution, transmission and storage of natural gas and the right to extend and add to the works in the Village of Merrickville-Wolford;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Enbridge Gas Inc. for an Order directing and declaring that the assent of the municipal electors of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford to the by-law is not necessary;

:- AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE :-

I, Gary Collins, of the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex, in the Province of Ontario, make oath and say as follows:

1. I am an employee in the Chatham Office of Enbridge Gas Inc., the Applicant in the matter referred to in the preamble to this my Affidavit and I have personal knowledge of the matters herein deposed to.
2. By courier on October 20, 2022, a true copy of the Notice of Application and Hearing issued by the Ontario Energy Board on October 19, 2022 and a true copy of the Application dated October 5, 2022 to the above preamble, along with a cover letter, was sent to the Village of Merrickville-Wolford, attached hereto as Exhibit "A".
3. Pursuant to the October 19, 2022 Letter of Direction, a copy of the Notice, the application and evidence is available for public review upon request to Enbridge Gas and as evidenced by the print screen attached hereto as Exhibit "B" a copy of this material has been posted to the Enbridge Gas website at <https://www.enbridgegas.com/about-enbridge-gas/regulatory>
4. I make this Affidavit in good faith and for no improper purpose.

SWORN BEFORE ME, at the)
 City of Toronto in the Province)
 of Ontario this 25th day of)
 October, 2022.)

 Gary Collins

 A Commissioner, etc.

Village of Merrickville-Wolford
317 Brock Street West
Merrickville, ON K0G 1N0

This is Exhibit "A" to the Affidavit
of Gary Collins sworn before me
this 25th day of October 2022.

Attention: Douglas Robertson
CAO / Clerk / Economic Development Director

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A Commissioner, etc.



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

October 20, 2022

Douglas Robertson
CAO / Clerk / Economic Development Director
Village of Merrickville-Wolford
317 Brock Street West
Merrickville, ON K0G 1N0

Dear Mr. Robertson:

**Re: Enbridge Gas Inc.
Application for Approval of Franchise Agreement - Village of Merrickville-Wolford
Ontario Energy Board File No. EB-2022-0264**

In accordance with instructions set out by the Ontario Energy Board's Letter of Direction dated October 19, 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 Village of Merrickville-Wolford.

The Ontario Energy Board will be arranging for publication of the Notice of Hearing in the *Kemptville / North Grenville Times* newspaper on Wednesday, November 2, 2022.

Yours truly,

[Original Signed By]

Patrick McMahon
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Encl.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE

Enbridge Gas Inc. has applied to renew its natural gas franchise agreement with the Village of Merrickville-Wolford.

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 Village of Merrickville-Wolford 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 Village of Merrickville-Wolford for a period of 20 years.**
- 2. An order directing and declaring that the assent of the municipal electors of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford is not required in relation to the by-law approving the natural gas franchise agreement.**

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD WILL HOLD 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 **November 14, 2022** 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-2022-0264**. 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 search the file number **EB-2022-0264** 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 **November 14, 2022**.

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 e-mail 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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Enbridge Gas Inc.
50 Keil Drive North
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October 5, 2022

Ms. Nancy Marconi
Registrar
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Marconi:

**Re: Enbridge Gas Inc.
Application for Renewal of Franchise Agreement
Village of Merrickville-Wolford**

Attached is an Application by Enbridge Gas Inc. for Orders of the Ontario Energy Board with respect to a Franchise Agreement with the Village of Merrickville-Wolford. An agreement has been reached between Enbridge Gas Inc. and the Village of Merrickville-Wolford with regards to the terms and conditions of the proposed Franchise Agreement.

Should you have any questions on this application, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to the receipt of your instructions.

Yours truly,

Patrick
McMahon

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ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF the *Municipal Franchises Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.M.55, as amended;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Enbridge Gas Inc. for an Order approving the terms and conditions upon which, and the period for which, the Corporation of Village of Merrickville-Wolford is, by by-law, to grant to Enbridge Gas Inc. the right to construct and operate works for the distribution, transmission and storage of natural gas and the right to extend and add to the works in Village of Merrickville-Wolford;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Enbridge Gas Inc. for an Order directing and declaring that the assent of the municipal electors of Village of Merrickville-Wolford to the by-law is not necessary.

APPLICATION

1. Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas), a regulated public utility, is a corporation incorporated under the laws of the Province of Ontario, with its offices in the City of Toronto and the Municipality of Chatham-Kent.
2. The Corporation of Village of Merrickville-Wolford (Municipality) is a municipal corporation incorporated under the laws of the Province of Ontario. Attached hereto and marked as Schedule "A" is a map showing the geographical location of the Municipality and a customer density representation of Enbridge Gas' service area. Enbridge Gas currently serves approximately 512 customers in the Municipality. Enbridge Gas and its predecessors have been providing access to gas distribution services within the Village of Merrickville-Wolford since approximately 1958.
3. The Village of Merrickville-Wolford is a lower-tier municipality in the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville. The Village of Merrickville-Wolford was formed on January 1, 1998 through the amalgamation of the former Village of Merrickville with the former Township of Wolford.
4. Enbridge Gas has a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Village of Merrickville-Wolford (RP-2002-0121 / EB-2002-0380) dated October 7, 2002 which is attached as Schedule "B".
5. Enbridge Gas applied to the Council of the Municipality for a franchise agreement permitting Enbridge Gas to construct and operate works for the distribution, transmission and storage of natural gas and the right to extend and add to the works in Village of Merrickville-Wolford.

6. On May 9, 2022, the Council of the Municipality gave approval to the form of a Franchise Agreement in favour of Enbridge Gas and authorized Enbridge Gas to apply to the Ontario Energy Board for approval of the terms and conditions upon which and the period for which the franchise agreement is proposed to be granted.
7. Attached hereto as Schedule "C" is a copy of the Resolution of the Council of the Municipality approving the form of the draft by-law and franchise agreement, authorizing this submission to the Ontario Energy Board, and requesting an Order declaring and directing that the assent of the municipal electors to the by-law and franchise agreement is not necessary.
8. Attached hereto as Schedule "D" is a copy of By-law 25-2022 and the proposed franchise agreement. The Village of Merrickville-Wolford has provided 1st and 2nd readings of its by-law.
9. Enbridge Gas has franchise agreements with and Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Township of Augusta, the Township of Elizabethtown-Kitley, the Township of Montague, the Township of North Grenville, the City of Ottawa, the Township of Rideau Lakes and the Town of Smiths Falls, which are immediately adjacent to the Municipality. There is no other natural gas distributor in the area.
10. The proposed franchise agreement is in the form of the 2000 Model Franchise Agreement with no amendments and is for a term of twenty (20) years.
11. The address of the Municipality is as follows:

Village of Merrickville-Wolford
317 Brock Street West
Merrickville, ON K0G 1N0
Attention: Douglas Robertson, CAO/Clerk/Economic Development Director
Telephone: (613) 269-4791 ext. 229
Email: cao@merrickville-wolford.ca

The address for Enbridge Gas' regional operations office is:

Enbridge Gas Inc.
400 Coventry Road
Ottawa, ON K1K 2C7
Attention: Jean-Benoit Trahan, Director, Eastern Region Operations
Email: jean-benoit.trahan@enbridge.com

12. The English language newspaper having the highest circulation in the Village of Merrickville-Wolford is the *North Grenville Times*. This is the newspaper used by the Municipality for its notices.

13. Enbridge Gas now applies to the Ontario Energy Board for:
- (a) an Order under s.9(3) approving the terms and conditions upon which, and the period for which, the Village of Merrickville-Wolford is, by by-law, to grant Enbridge Gas the right to construct and operate works for the distribution, transmission and storage of natural gas and the right to extend and add to the works; and
 - (b) an Order pursuant to s.9(4) directing and declaring that the assent of the municipal electors of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford is not necessary for the proposed franchise agreement by-law under the circumstances.

DATED at the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, in the Province of Ontario this 5th day of October, 2022.

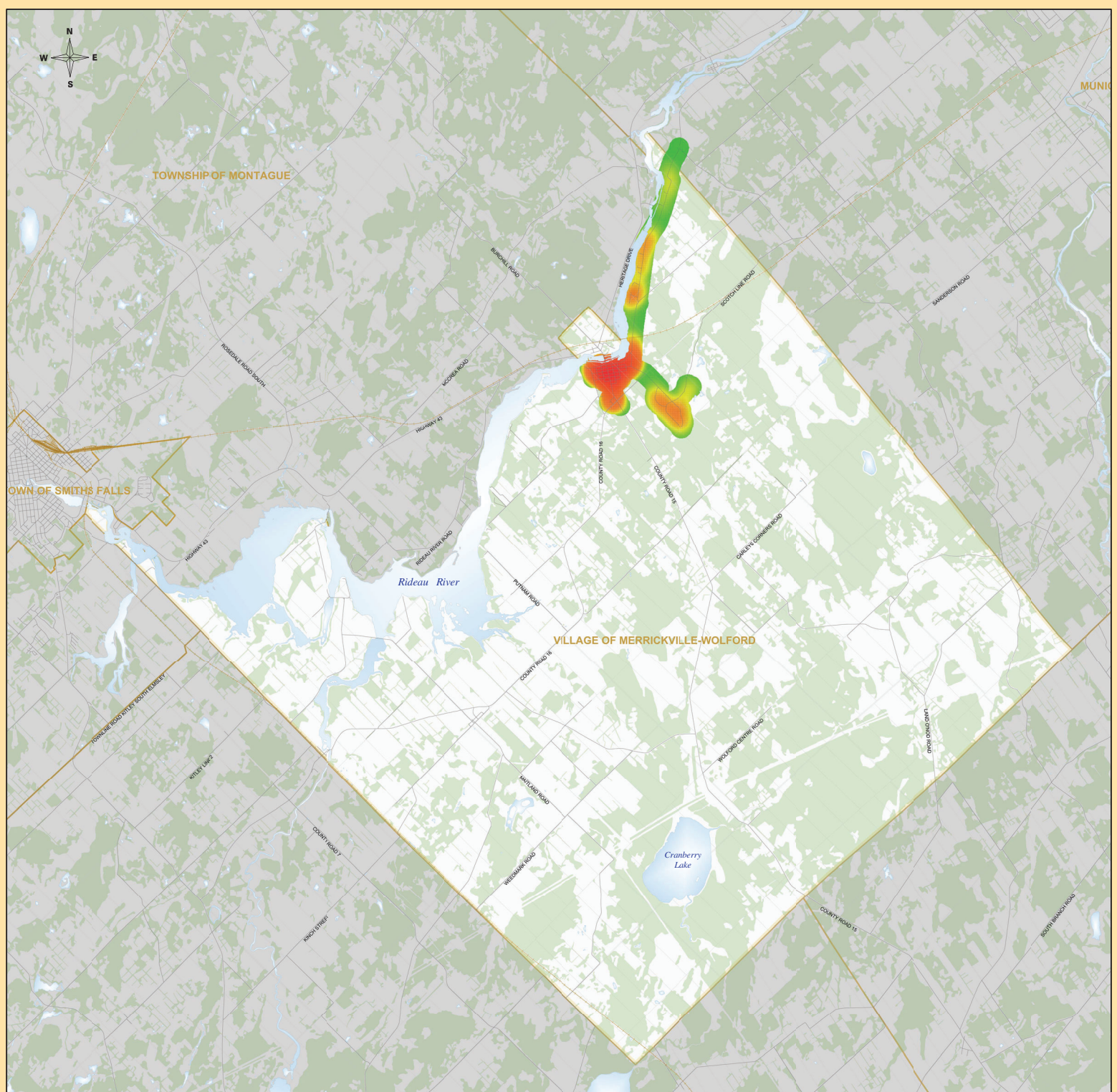
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Patrick McMahon
Technical Manager
Regulatory Research and Records

Comments respecting this Application should be directed to:

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Village of Merrickville-Wolford

Legend

- Enbridge Gas Pipeline Coverage Area
- Village of Merrickville-Wolford
- Roads
- Railways
- Municipal and Township Boundaries
- First Nation Boundaries

Customer Density



Disclaimer:
The map is provided with no warranty express or implied and is subject to change at any time. Any Person using the Density Map shall do so at its own Risk and the Density Map is not intended in any way As a tool to locate underground infrastructure for the purposes of excavation



Location map



RP-2002-0121
EB-2002-0380

IN THE MATTER OF the *Municipal Franchises Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.55, as amended;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. for an order cancelling and replacing the existing Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford.

BEFORE: Malcolm Jackson
Presiding Member

Art Birchenough
Member

ORDER GRANTING

A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc., formerly known as The Consumers' Gas Company Ltd., filed an application, dated June 26, 2002, (the "Application") with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") under the *Municipal Franchises Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.55, as amended, (the "Act") for an order of the Board that consolidates the existing Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for the former Village of Merrickville and the former Township of Wolford, and replaces these with a new Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Village of Merrickville-Wolford. The Board has assigned File No. RP-2002-0121/EB-2002-0380 to the Application.

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In the Application, Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. filed evidence that it would expand its natural gas distribution facilities to supply the Village of Merrickville-Wolford for the 2002/2003 heating season.

A Notice of Application was published on August 7, 2002. There were no intervenors. On September 4, 2002 the Board issued a Notice of Written Hearing. No party satisfied the Board that there was a good reason for not holding a written hearing.

Effective January 1, 1998, the Corporation of the former Village of Merrickville, and the Corporation of the former Township of Wolford were amalgamated to form the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford. The Board notes that Enbridge Gas is presently serving the Municipality and holds Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for the following former municipalities: Village of Merrickville (F.B.C. 240) and Township of Wolford (F.B.C. 237).

The Board finds that, based on the evidence, granting the Application is in the public interest.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. The existing Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for the former municipalities of the Village of Merrickville (F.B.C. 240) and the Township of Wolford (F.B.C. 237) are cancelled and replaced with a single Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the amalgamated Village of Merrickville-Wolford (EB-2002-0380).
2. If Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. fails to proceed with the construction of the natural gas distribution facilities to the Village of Merrickville-Wolford within twenty-four months following the issuance of the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, the Certificate shall expire.

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DATED at Toronto October 7, 2002

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD



Peter H. O'Dell
Assistant Board Secretary

Established 1793
Incorporated
Wolford 1850
Merrickville 1860
Amalgamated 1998



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VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD

Resolution Number: R - 151 - 22

Date: May 9, 2022

For Clerk's use only, if required:

Recorded Vote Requested By:

Cameron	Y	N
Foster	Y	N
Ireland	Y	N
Molloy	Y	N
Struthers	Y	N

Moved by: Cameron Foster Molloy Ireland
Seconded by: Cameron Foster Molloy Ireland

Be it hereby resolved that:

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby approve the form of draft by-law and franchise agreement attached hereto and authorizes the submission thereof to the Ontario Energy Board for approval pursuant to the provisions of Section 9 of the *Municipal Franchises Act*; and

That this Council requests that the Ontario Energy Board make an Order declaring and directing that the assent of the municipal electors to the attached draft by-law and franchise agreement pertaining to the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford is not necessary pursuant to the provisions of Section 9(4) of the *Municipal Franchises Act*.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution passed by the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford on the 9th day of May 2022.

[Original Signed By]

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY OF ORIGINAL

Sept 28/22
Date

[Original Signed By]

Julia McCaugherty-Jansman, Deputy Clerk
Village of Merrickville-Wolford

J. Douglas Struthers
Mayor

THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD**BY-LAW NUMBER 25-2022****A BY-LAW TO AUTHORIZE A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD
and
ENBRIDGE GAS INC.**

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford deems it expedient to enter into the attached franchise agreement (the "Franchise Agreement") with Enbridge Gas Inc.;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Energy Board by its Order issued pursuant to the *Municipal Franchises Act* has approved the terms and conditions upon which and the period for which the franchise provided in the Franchise Agreement is proposed to be granted, and has declared and directed that the assent of the municipal electors in respect of this By-Law is not necessary:

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford enacts as follows:

1. **THAT** the Franchise Agreement between the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford and Enbridge Gas Inc. attached hereto and forming part of this by-law, is hereby authorized and the franchise provided for therein is hereby granted.
2. **THAT** the Mayor and CAO / Clerk be and they are hereby authorized and instructed on behalf of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford to enter into and execute under its corporate seal and deliver the Franchise Agreement, which is hereby incorporated into and forming part of this By-Law.
3. **THAT** the following by-law be hereby repealed:
 - By-law #18-02 for the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford, passed in Council on the 28th day of October, 2002.
4. **THAT** this by-law shall come into force and take effect as of the final passing thereof.

Read a first and second time on the 9th day of May, 2022.

Read a third and final time and passed on the day of , 2022.

THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD

J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor

Doug Robertson, CAO / Clerk

2000 Model Franchise Agreement

THIS AGREEMENT effective this day of , 2022

BETWEEN:

THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD

hereinafter called the "Corporation"

- and -

ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

hereinafter called the "Gas Company"

WHEREAS the Gas Company desires to distribute, store and transmit gas in the Municipality upon the terms and conditions of this Agreement;

AND WHEREAS by by-law passed by the Council of the Corporation (the "By-law"), the duly authorized officers have been authorized and directed to execute this Agreement on behalf of the Corporation;

THEREFORE, the Corporation and the Gas Company agree as follows:

Part I - Definitions

1. In this Agreement

- (a) "decommissioned" and "decommissions" when used in connection with parts of the gas system, mean any parts of the gas system taken out of active use and purged in accordance with the applicable CSA standards and in no way affects the use of the term 'abandoned' pipeline for the purposes of the *Assessment Act*;
- (b) "Engineer/Road Superintendent" means the most senior individual employed by the Corporation with responsibilities for highways within the Municipality or the person designated by such senior employee or such other person as may from time to time be designated by the Council of the Corporation;

- (c) "gas" means natural gas, manufactured gas, synthetic natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas or propane-air gas, or a mixture of any of them, but does not include a liquefied petroleum gas that is distributed by means other than a pipeline;
- (d) "gas system" means such mains, plants, pipes, conduits, services, valves, regulators, curb boxes, stations, drips or such other equipment as the Gas Company may require or deem desirable for the distribution, storage and transmission of gas in or through the Municipality;
- (e) "highway" means all common and public highways and shall include any bridge, viaduct or structure forming part of a highway, and any public square, road allowance or walkway and shall include not only the travelled portion of such highway, but also ditches, driveways, sidewalks, and sodded areas forming part of the road allowance now or at any time during the term hereof under the jurisdiction of the Corporation;
- (f) "Model Franchise Agreement" means the form of agreement which the Ontario Energy Board uses as a standard when considering applications under the *Municipal Franchises Act*. The Model Franchise Agreement may be changed from time to time by the Ontario Energy Board;
- (g) "Municipality" means the territorial limits of the Corporation on the date when this Agreement takes effect, and any territory which may thereafter be brought within the jurisdiction of the Corporation;
- (h) "Plan" means the plan described in Paragraph 5 of this Agreement required to be filed by the Gas Company with the Engineer/Road Superintendent prior to commencement of work on the gas system; and
- (i) whenever the singular, masculine or feminine is used in this Agreement, it shall be considered as if the plural, feminine or masculine has been used where the context of the Agreement so requires.

Part II - Rights Granted

2. To provide gas service

The consent of the Corporation is hereby given and granted to the Gas Company to distribute, store and transmit gas in and through the Municipality to the Corporation and to the inhabitants of the Municipality.

3. To Use Highways

Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement the consent of the Corporation is hereby given and granted to the Gas Company to enter upon all highways now or at any time hereafter under the jurisdiction of the Corporation and to lay, construct, maintain, replace, remove, operate and repair a gas system for the distribution, storage and transmission of gas in and through the Municipality.

4. Duration of Agreement and Renewal Procedures

- (a) If the Corporation has not previously received gas distribution services, the rights hereby given and granted shall be for a term of 20 years from the date of final passing of the By-law.

or

- (b) If the Corporation has previously received gas distribution services, the rights hereby given and granted shall be for a term of 20 years from the date of final passing of the By-law provided that, if during the 20 year term of this Agreement, the Model Franchise Agreement is changed, then on the 7th anniversary and on the 14th anniversary of the date of the passing of the By-law, this Agreement shall be deemed to be amended to incorporate any changes in the Model Franchise Agreement in effect on such anniversary dates. Such deemed amendments shall not apply to alter the 20 year term.
- (c) At any time within two years prior to the expiration of this Agreement, either party may give notice to the other that it desires to enter into negotiations for a renewed franchise upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon. Until such renewal has been settled, the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall continue, notwithstanding the expiration of this Agreement. This shall not preclude either party from applying to the Ontario Energy Board for a renewal of the Agreement pursuant to section 10 of the *Municipal Franchises Act*.

Part III – Conditions

5. Approval of Construction

- (a) The Gas Company shall not undertake any excavation, opening or work which will disturb or interfere with the surface of the travelled portion of any highway unless a permit therefor has first been obtained from the Engineer/Road Superintendent and all work done by the Gas Company shall be to his satisfaction.
- (b) Prior to the commencement of work on the gas system, or any extensions or changes to it (except service laterals which do not interfere with municipal works in the highway), the Gas Company shall file with the Engineer/Road Superintendent a Plan, satisfactory to the Engineer/Road Superintendent, drawn to scale and of sufficient detail considering the complexity of the specific locations involved, showing the highways in which it proposes to lay its gas system and the particular parts thereof it proposes to occupy.
- (c) The Plan filed by the Gas Company shall include geodetic information for a particular location:
 - (i) where circumstances are complex, in order to facilitate known projects, including projects which are reasonably anticipated by the Engineer/Road Superintendent, or
 - (ii) when requested, where the Corporation has geodetic information for its own services and all others at the same location.
- (d) The Engineer/Road Superintendent may require sections of the gas system to be laid at greater depth than required by the latest CSA standard for gas pipeline systems to facilitate known projects or to correct known highway deficiencies.
- (e) Prior to the commencement of work on the gas system, the Engineer/Road Superintendent must approve the location of the work as shown on the Plan filed by the Gas Company, the timing of the work and any terms and conditions relating to the installation of the work.
- (f) In addition to the requirements of this Agreement, if the Gas Company proposes to affix any part of the gas system to a bridge, viaduct or other structure, if the Engineer/Road Superintendent approves this proposal, he may require the Gas Company to comply with special conditions or to enter into a separate agreement as a condition of the approval of this part of the construction of the gas system.

- (g) Where the gas system may affect a municipal drain, the Gas Company shall also file a copy of the Plan with the Corporation's Drainage Superintendent for purposes of the *Drainage Act*, or such other person designated by the Corporation as responsible for the drain.
- (h) The Gas Company shall not deviate from the approved location for any part of the gas system unless the prior approval of the Engineer/Road Superintendent to do so is received.
- (i) The Engineer/Road Superintendent's approval, where required throughout this Paragraph, shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- (j) The approval of the Engineer/Road Superintendent is not a representation or warranty as to the state of repair of the highway or the suitability of the highway for the gas system.

6. As Built Drawings

The Gas Company shall, within six months of completing the installation of any part of the gas system, provide two copies of "as built" drawings to the Engineer/Road Superintendent. These drawings must be sufficient to accurately establish the location, depth (measurement between the top of the gas system and the ground surface at the time of installation) and distance of the gas system. The "as built" drawings shall be of the same quality as the Plan and, if the approved pre-construction plan included elevations that were geodetically referenced, the "as built" drawings shall similarly include elevations that are geodetically referenced. Upon the request of the Engineer/Road Superintendent, the Gas Company shall provide one copy of the drawings in an electronic format and one copy as a hard copy drawing.

7. Emergencies

In the event of an emergency involving the gas system, the Gas Company shall proceed with the work required to deal with the emergency, and in any instance where prior approval of the Engineer/Road Superintendent is normally required for the work, the Gas Company shall use its best efforts to immediately notify the Engineer/Road Superintendent of the location and nature of the emergency and the work being done and, if it deems appropriate, notify the police force, fire or other emergency services having jurisdiction. The Gas Company shall provide the Engineer/Road Superintendent with at least one 24 hour emergency contact for the Gas Company and shall ensure the contacts are current.

8. **Restoration**

The Gas Company shall well and sufficiently restore, to the reasonable satisfaction of the Engineer/Road Superintendent, all highways, municipal works or improvements which it may excavate or interfere with in the course of laying, constructing, repairing or removing its gas system, and shall make good any settling or subsidence thereafter caused by such excavation or interference. If the Gas Company fails at any time to do any work required by this Paragraph within a reasonable period of time, the Corporation may do or cause such work to be done and the Gas Company shall, on demand, pay the Corporation's reasonably incurred costs, as certified by the Engineer/Road Superintendent.

9. **Indemnification**

The Gas Company shall, at all times, indemnify and save harmless the Corporation from and against all claims, including costs related thereto, for all damages or injuries including death to any person or persons and for damage to any property, arising out of the Gas Company operating, constructing, and maintaining its gas system in the Municipality, or utilizing its gas system for the carriage of gas owned by others. Provided that the Gas Company shall not be required to indemnify or save harmless the Corporation from and against claims, including costs related thereto, which it may incur by reason of damages or injuries including death to any person or persons and for damage to any property, resulting from the negligence or wrongful act of the Corporation, its servants, agents or employees.

10. **Insurance**

- (a) The Gas Company shall maintain Comprehensive General Liability Insurance in sufficient amount and description as shall protect the Gas Company and the Corporation from claims for which the Gas Company is obliged to indemnify the Corporation under Paragraph 9. The insurance policy shall identify the Corporation as an additional named insured, but only with respect to the operation of the named insured (the Gas Company). The insurance policy shall not lapse or be cancelled without sixty (60) days' prior written notice to the Corporation by the Gas Company.
- (b) The issuance of an insurance policy as provided in this Paragraph shall not be construed as relieving the Gas Company of liability not covered by such insurance or in excess of the policy limits of such insurance.
- (c) Upon request by the Corporation, the Gas Company shall confirm that premiums for such insurance have been paid and that such insurance is in full force and effect.

11. **Alternative Easement**

The Corporation agrees, in the event of the proposed sale or closing of any highway or any part of a highway where there is a gas line in existence, to give the Gas Company reasonable notice of such proposed sale or closing and, if it is feasible, to provide the Gas Company with easements over that part of the highway proposed to be sold or closed sufficient to allow the Gas Company to preserve any part of the gas system in its then existing location. In the event that such easements cannot be provided, the Corporation and the Gas Company shall share the cost of relocating or altering the gas system to facilitate continuity of gas service, as provided for in Paragraph 12 of this Agreement.

12. **Pipeline Relocation**

- (a) If in the course of constructing, reconstructing, changing, altering or improving any highway or any municipal works, the Corporation deems that it is necessary to take up, remove or change the location of any part of the gas system, the Gas Company shall, upon notice to do so, remove and/or relocate within a reasonable period of time such part of the gas system to a location approved by the Engineer/Road Superintendent.
- (b) Where any part of the gas system relocated in accordance with this Paragraph is located on a bridge, viaduct or structure, the Gas Company shall alter or relocate that part of the gas system at its sole expense.
- (c) Where any part of the gas system relocated in accordance with this Paragraph is located other than on a bridge, viaduct or structure, the costs of relocation shall be shared between the Corporation and the Gas Company on the basis of the total relocation costs, excluding the value of any upgrading of the gas system, and deducting any contribution paid to the Gas Company by others in respect to such relocation; and for these purposes, the total relocation costs shall be the aggregate of the following:
 - (i) the amount paid to Gas Company employees up to and including field supervisors for the hours worked on the project plus the current cost of fringe benefits for these employees,
 - (ii) the amount paid for rental equipment while in use on the project and an amount, charged at the unit rate, for Gas Company equipment while in use on the project,
 - (iii) the amount paid by the Gas Company to contractors for work related to the project,

- (iv) the cost to the Gas Company for materials used in connection with the project, and
 - (v) a reasonable amount for project engineering and project administrative costs which shall be 22.5% of the aggregate of the amounts determined in items (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) above.
- (d) The total relocation costs as calculated above shall be paid 35% by the Corporation and 65% by the Gas Company, except where the part of the gas system required to be moved is located in an unassumed road or in an unopened road allowance and the Corporation has not approved its location, in which case the Gas Company shall pay 100% of the relocation costs.

Part IV - Procedural And Other Matters

13. Municipal By-laws of General Application

The Agreement is subject to the provisions of all regulating statutes and all municipal by-laws of general application, except by-laws which have the effect of amending this Agreement.

14. Giving Notice

Notices may be delivered to, sent by facsimile or mailed by prepaid registered post to the Gas Company at its head office or to the authorized officers of the Corporation at its municipal offices, as the case may be.

15. Disposition of Gas System

- (a) If the Gas Company decommissions part of its gas system affixed to a bridge, viaduct or structure, the Gas Company shall, at its sole expense, remove the part of its gas system affixed to the bridge, viaduct or structure.
- (b) If the Gas Company decommissions any other part of its gas system, it shall have the right, but is not required, to remove that part of its gas system. It may exercise its right to remove the decommissioned parts of its gas system by giving notice of its intention to do so by filing a Plan as required by Paragraph 5 of this Agreement for approval by the Engineer/Road Superintendent. If the Gas Company does not remove the part of the gas system it has decommissioned and the Corporation requires the removal of all or any part of the decommissioned gas system for the purpose of altering or improving a highway or in order to facilitate the construction of utility or other works in any highway, the Corporation may remove and dispose of so much of the decommissioned gas system

as the Corporation may require for such purposes and neither party shall have recourse against the other for any loss, cost, expense or damage occasioned thereby. If the Gas Company has not removed the part of the gas system it has decommissioned and the Corporation requires the removal of all or any part of the decommissioned gas system for the purpose of altering or improving a highway or in order to facilitate the construction of utility or other works in a highway, the Gas Company may elect to relocate the decommissioned gas system and in that event Paragraph 12 applies to the cost of relocation.

16. Use of Decommissioned Gas System

- (a) The Gas Company shall provide promptly to the Corporation, to the extent such information is known:
 - (i) the names and addresses of all third parties who use decommissioned parts of the gas system for purposes other than the transmission or distribution of gas; and
 - (ii) the location of all proposed and existing decommissioned parts of the gas system used for purposes other than the transmission or distribution of gas.
- (b) The Gas Company may allow a third party to use a decommissioned part of the gas system for purposes other than the transmission or distribution of gas and may charge a fee for that third party use, provided
 - (i) the third party has entered into a municipal access agreement with the Corporation; and
 - (ii) the Gas Company does not charge a fee for the third party's right of access to the highways.
- (c) Decommissioned parts of the gas system used for purposes other than the transmission or distribution of gas are not subject to the provisions of this Agreement. For decommissioned parts of the gas system used for purposes other than the transmission and distribution of gas, issues such as relocation costs will be governed by the relevant municipal access agreement.

17. Franchise Handbook

The Parties acknowledge that operating decisions sometimes require a greater level of detail than that which is appropriately included in this Agreement. The Parties agree to look for guidance on such matters to the Franchise Handbook prepared by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the gas utility companies, as may be amended from time to time.

18. **Other Conditions**

None.

19. **Agreement Binding Parties**

This Agreement shall extend to, benefit and bind the parties thereto, their successors and assigns, respectively.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have executed this Agreement effective from the date written above.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD**

Per: _____
J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor

Per: _____
Doug Robertson, CAO / Clerk

ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

Per: _____
Mark Kitchen, Director
Regulatory Affairs

Per: _____
Jean-Benoit Trahan, Director
Eastern Region Operations & Gazifère



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Regulatory Information

Enbridge Gas is a regulated company through the Ontario Energy Board and Canada Energy Regulator. You can view all of our rate case information and evidence — as we do in other regulatory proceedings. Please note that we have not posted any evidence that was confidential or that required a non-disclosure agreement.

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OTHER REGULATORY PROCEEDINGS

RATE CASES AND QRAM

EB-2022-0263 - Township of North Dundas

[Application](#)

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[Notice of Application - French](#)

This is Exhibit "B" to the Affidavit of Gary Collins sworn before me this 25th day of October 2022.

EB-2022-0264 - Village of Merrickville-Wolford

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EB-2022-0253 - Town of Bracebridge

EB-2022-0238 - Regional Municipality of Halton

EB-2022-0237 - United Counties of Prescott and Russell

A Commissioner, etc.

EB-2022-0233 - Town of Huntsville

EB-2022-0232 - Township of Severn

EB-2022-0225 - Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan