EB-2022-0194



Enbridge Gas Inc.

# Application for natural gas distribution rate changes related to meeting the obligations under the *Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act*, and related orders

# PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1 November 14, 2022

Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) has applied to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) under section 36(1) of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998 (OEB Act), to make changes to its distribution rates to recover costs associated with meeting its obligations under the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act (GGPPA) and the Ontario Emissions Performance Standards program. Enbridge Gas has also applied to recover from customers the balances in the related deferral and variance accounts and to establish a common Facility Carbon Charge for all customers, effective January 1, 2024.

A Notice of Hearing was issued on October 21, 2022. The Small Business Utility Alliance (SBUA) applied for intervenor status and cost eligibility.

No objection was received from Enbridge Gas.

SBUA is approved as an intervenor. The list of parties in this proceeding is attached as Schedule A to this Procedural Order. SBUA is also eligible to apply for an award of costs under the OEB's <u>Practice Direction on Cost Awards</u>. SBUA is reminded to focus its participation on material issues and to avoid duplication. In making its decision on cost awards, the OEB will consider whether cost eligible intervenors, such as SBUA made reasonable efforts to avoid duplication and to ensure that their participation in the hearing was focused on material issues.

Being eligible to apply for recovery of costs is not a guarantee of recovery of any costs claimed. Cost awards are made by way of OEB order at the end of a hearing.

At this time provision is being made for written interrogatories and submissions. Parties should consult sections 26 and 27 of the OEB's <u>Rules of Practice and Procedure</u> regarding required naming and numbering conventions and other matters related to interrogatories.

Further procedural orders may be issued by the OEB.

#### THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- 1. OEB staff and intervenors shall request any relevant information and documentation from Enbridge Gas that is in addition to the evidence already filed, by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and served on Enbridge Gas and all other parties by **November 29, 2022**.
- 2. Enbridge Gas shall file with the OEB complete written responses to the interrogatories and serve them on all intervenors by **December 13, 2022**.
- 3. Any written submissions by OEB staff and intervenors shall be filed with the OEB and served on all other parties by **January 10, 2023**.
- 4. Enbridge Gas may file a written reply submission with the OEB and serve it on intervenors by **January 24, 2023**.

Parties are responsible for ensuring that any documents they file with the OEB, such as applicant and intervenor evidence, interrogatories and responses to interrogatories or any other type of document, **do not include personal information** (as that phrase is defined in the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*), unless filed in accordance with rule 9A of the OEB's <u>Rules of Practice and Procedure</u>.

Please quote file number, **EB-2022-0194** for all materials filed and submit them in searchable/unrestricted PDF format with a digital signature through the <u>OEB's online</u> filing portal.

- Filings should clearly state the sender's name, postal address, telephone number and e-mail address.
- Please use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the <u>Regulatory Electronic Submission System (RESS)</u> <u>Document Guidelines</u> found at the <u>File documents online page</u> on the OEB's website.
- Parties are encouraged to use RESS. Those who have not yet <u>set up an</u> <u>account</u>, or require assistance using the online filing portal can contact <u>registrar@oeb.ca</u> for assistance.
- Cost claims are filed through the OEB's online filing portal. Please visit the <u>File</u> <u>documents online page</u> of the OEB's website for more information. All participants shall download a copy of their submitted cost claim and serve it on all required parties as per the <u>Practice Direction on Cost Awards</u>.

All communications should be directed to the attention of the Registrar and be received by end of business, 4:45 p.m., on the required date.

With respect to distribution lists for all electronic correspondence and materials related to this proceeding, parties must include the Case Manager, Vince Mazzone at <u>vince.mazzone@oeb.ca</u> and OEB Counsel, Lawren Murray at <u>lawren.murray@oeb.ca</u>.

Email: registrar@oeb.ca Tel: 1-877-632-2727 (Toll free)

DATED at Toronto, November 14, 2022

#### **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

#### By delegation, before: Nancy Marconi

Nancy Marconi Registrar SCHEDULE A

## LIST OF APPLICANTS AND INTERVENORS

#### ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

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# **APPLICANT & LIST OF INTERVENORS**

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