



# Quinte Manufacturers Association

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Ms. Nancy Marconi  
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***Via e-mail***

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Dear Ms. Marconi:

**Re: EB-2022-0200 – Enbridge Gas Inc. Application to Change Rates and Other Charges Beginning January 1, 2024 - Quinte Manufacturers Association Intervenor Request Letter**

In response to the Ontario Energy Board's recent notice to customers of Enbridge Gas Inc. ("EGI") concerning its 2024 Rates Application and related matters ("Application"), the Quinte Manufacturers Association ("QMA" or "Association") respectfully applies for intervenor status in the above-noted proceeding.

## **Intervenor Background**

The QMA is an organization of manufacturers located in the greater Bay of Quinte region which includes the cities of Belleville and Quinte West. The Association is an unfunded industry collaborative that provides a forum for all members to discuss issues and matters of common concern including the costs of natural gas supply, distribution, and service. The work of the QMA represents the specific interests of its members that directly employ over 11,400 people in the region. It is led by a volunteer steering committee with members drawn from local manufacturers. The QMA is the respected voice of manufacturing in the Quinte region.

## **Statement of Interest**

Members of the QMA cover a diverse cross section of business sectors including food processing; plastics and packaging; logistics; auto parts; and aerospace. Together, QMA member manufacturers and allied businesses contribute approximately \$6B to the total \$13B economic output of the Quinte region.

Natural gas supply, transmission, distribution, and related services are considered critical components for a wide variety of manufacturing and processing purposes. Consequently, EGI's Application including a request for approval of an incentive rate-making mechanism for the years 2025 to 2028 is of significant interest and concern to QMA members. Members are concerned with the potential impact on operations and related costs going forward, because of the adjustments to conditions of service, rates and other charges reflected in the Application.

## **Intervention**

The QMA is requesting intervenor status in this proceeding. The Bay of Quinte region is growing with increasing demand for natural gas distribution service in all rate classes. Given the nature of EGI's Application, the QMA is



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intervening to ensure that the interests of its members are represented and that its participation is helpful to the Board in its determinations.

If, in due course, a hearing of issues is required, the QMA believes that under the continuing COVID-19 circumstances, an in-person oral hearing is not appropriate and the issues in the Application that are of concern to the Association can be properly examined through a written or electronic hearing process. To mitigate costs and by making these hearings either 100% virtual or a hybrid version reduces/eliminates out of town expense reimbursement.

It is recognized that certain, if not all issues may be suitable for settlement discussions in advance of the hearing. The QMA intends to participate fully in the hearing process.

### **Costs**

The QMA believes that it meets the eligibility requirements set out in the Ontario Energy Board's *Rules of Practice and Procedure* and the *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*. The QMA will be requesting an award of its reasonably incurred costs to retain qualified consulting support for its intervention.

### **Communications**

The QMA requests that correspondence and documentation related to the proceeding be sent by e-mail to:

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If you require further information, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully,

Chandy Davis  
Chair, QMA Steering Committee