

EB-2022-0200

# Enbridge Gas Inc.

# Application to change its natural gas rates and other charges beginning January 1, 2024

# PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1 December 16, 2022

Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) under section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, *1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15 (Schedule B), seeking approval for changes to the rates that Enbridge Gas charges for natural gas distribution, transportation and storage, beginning January 1, 2024. Enbridge Gas has also applied for approval of an incentive rate-making mechanism (IRM) for the years 2025 to 2028.

This is the first cost of service rate application for Enbridge Gas since the OEB approved the amalgamation of Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. and Union Gas Limited, effective January 1, 2019.<sup>1</sup> The application includes detailed information about the costs of the amalgamated utility and its proposals to harmonize rate-setting methodologies, deferral and variance accounts, and other policies.

Enbridge Gas filed its rate application in two parts. The majority of the evidence in support of the application was filed on October 31, 2022 and included evidence on the revenue requirement elements of the application and the IRM proposal. The balance of the application was filed on November 30, 2022 and included evidence on cost allocation and rate design. Enbridge Gas requested that the OEB commence its hearing and issue a Notice of Hearing on the basis of the evidence filed on October 31, 2022.

The OEB issued its Notice of Hearing on November 14, 2022. The deadline for applying for intervenor status was December 2, 2022. The following parties applied for intervenor status:

- 1. AnnaMaria Valastro
- 2. Association of Power Producers of Ontario (APPrO)
- 3. Atura Power
- 4. Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA)
- 5. Canadian Biogas Association (CBA)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> EB-2017-0306 & EB-2017-0307

- 6. City of Kitchener
- 7. Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME)
- 8. Coalition for Renewable Natural Gas (RNG Coalition)
- 9. Consumers Council of Canada (CCC)
- 10. Enercare Home and Commercial Services Limited Partnership (Enercare)
- 11. Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe)
- 12. Environmental Defence (ED)
- 13. Farhan Shah
- 14. Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario (FRPO)
- 15. Ginoogaming First Nation (GFN)
- 16. Green Energy Coalition (GEC)
- 17. Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO)
- 18. Industrial Gas Users Association (IGUA)
- 19. Koch Canada Energy Services, LP (KCES)
- 20. London Property Management Association (LPMA)
- 21. Marshall Garnick
- 22. Ontario Association of Physical Plant Administrators (OAPPA)
- 23. Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers (OGVG)
- 24. Otter Creek Co-operative Homes Inc. (Otter Creek)
- 25. Pollution Probe
- 26. Quinte Manufacturers Association (QMA)
- 27. Russ Houldin
- 28. School Energy Coalition (SEC)
- 29. Six Nations Natural Gas Company Limited (SNNG)
- 30. Three Fires Group Inc. (Three Fires)
- 31. TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TCPL)
- 32. Unifor
- 33. Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)

APPrO, BOMA, CBA, CME, CCC, Energy Probe, ED, FRPO, GFN, GEC, IGUA, LPMA, OAPPA, OGVG, Otter Creek, Pollution Probe, QMA, SEC, Three Fires and VECC also applied for cost eligibility.

No objections to the intervention requests were received from Enbridge Gas.

All requests for intervenor status are approved. Subject to the requirements outlined below with respect to cost eligibility for participation in the proceeding by any experts retained by intervenors, all of the requests for cost eligibility are also approved. Cost eligible intervenors shall file their claims in accordance with the OEB's <u>Practice</u> <u>Direction on Cost Awards</u>.

The list of parties in this proceeding is attached as Schedule A to this Procedural Order.

There are 33 intervenors in this proceeding. The OEB will be carefully monitoring intervenor participation for unnecessary duplication and overlap in the production of any evidence, the conduct of discovery and the filing of argument in this proceeding. The OEB will be rigorous in ensuring that intervenors limit their participation to the matters that are within the scope of the proceeding, as set through the final Issues List. The OEB draws the attention of intervenors to sections 4.03 and 5.01 (d), (e) and (f) of the *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

Cost eligible intervenors should be aware that the OEB will generally not allow the recovery of costs for the attendance at events of more than one representative of any party. If a party intends to have more than one representative attend an event, the party should file a letter explaining why that is necessary.

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 an OEB order, typically at the end of a hearing.

# Instructions to Individual Intervenors

The OEB notes that four individuals have been granted intervenor status. They are residential customers of Enbridge Gas and have concerns related to the application.

This is a large and complex application and effective participation will require that intervenors (including individual intervenors) focus on material issues, collaborate with other intervenors who have similar positions and avoid duplication. To assist individual intervenors, the OEB provides the following direction:

- Focus on specific issues of concern: This is a large application and it will be difficult for an individual intervenor to review the entire application. Therefore, individual intervenors should focus their participation on their specific issue of concern. Intervenors are also required to limit their participation to issues that are identified on the final Issues List.
- Avoid duplication: There are a number of intervenors who are participating in this proceeding and it is likely that some or all issues that are of interest to individual intervenors will be covered by the other intervenor groups, especially those that are representing ratepayer groups in this proceeding. Please note, to allow for the efficient processing of the application, the OEB could limit your participation if there is duplication of effort.
- **Pay attention to the case schedule and timelines**: To assist parties, in this procedural order the OEB has set out the case schedule up to the settlement

conference and has provided illustrative dates for the remainder of the schedule. The OEB expects intervenors will plan their work accordingly and will adhere to the OEB's timelines. Please note, to allow for the efficient processing of the application the OEB could limit your participation if you are not able to participate effectively or meet the OEB's timelines.

# **OEB Staff and Intervenor Evidence**

On December 6, 2022, OEB staff filed a letter informing the OEB and all participants of its intention to engage experts to review Enbridge Gas's evidence and possibly prepare evidence in the following areas: (a) overhead capitalization policy; (b) proposed depreciation methodology and study; (c) price cap plan – proposed parameters including inflation, productivity and stretch factor; and (d) capital structure including the proposal for change to equity thickness. OEB staff stated that it has issued Request for Proposals to engage experts in the noted areas and will file a letter indicating what expert evidence it intends to file in accordance with the instructions provided in Procedural Order No. 1.

Any intervenor wishing to file evidence in this proceeding must inform the OEB of its intention and the nature of its proposed evidence, and how it is relevant to the issues list. If any cost eligible intervenor plans to file expert evidence in this proceeding, the intervenor must file a letter with the OEB describing the nature of the evidence, whether the evidence will be commissioned jointly with other intervenors, and the estimated cost. The estimated cost should include an explanation of any assumptions regarding the purpose and scope of the participation of the expert in the proceeding and should include an estimate of any incremental time that will be spent by the intervenor's counsel or any other consultant(s) in relation to the evidence. In addition, if the intervenor's evidence will cover the topics that OEB staff have identified in its intent to file evidence letter, which will be filed in advance of intervenors' intent to file evidence letters, the intervenor must explain how its evidence is different from, or compliments, OEB staff's evidence and satisfy the OEB that there is good reason that the OEB should allow the evidence to be filed.

After reviewing the above information, the OEB will consider whether and to what extent any costs associated with the participation of any expert(s) or the preparation of any expert report(s) will be eligible for cost recovery in accordance with the OEB's <u>Practice</u> <u>Direction on Cost Awards</u>.

# **Request to Hear the Application in Phases and Issues List**

Enbridge Gas has requested a decision and rate order in time to implement rates for January 2024. To meet this schedule, Enbridge Gas has requested that the OEB consider hearing the application in phases.

The OEB has determined that it is appropriate to hear the application in phases, recognizing that the ability to set rates for 2024 on an interim or final basis will not require every issue raised by the application to be decided before January 2024. The OEB has worked from the draft issues list filed in Enbridge Gas's application and has developed a revised draft issues list based on a phased proceeding.

At this time, the OEB is making provision for an issues conference to consider the draft issues list, the assignment of issues to each phase, as well as the timing to consider phase 2 issues. The OEB will hold an issues conference among parties on **January 9**, **2023**. Parties shall use the OEB's draft issues list in Schedule B as the basis for the discussions.

If parties are unable to reach consensus on a proposed issues list for OEB approval, parties shall file written submissions on these matters by **January 16, 2023**.

The OEB expects to issue its decision on the final issues list, including which issues will be heard in each phase, and the timing to hear phase 2 issues, prior to the filing of interrogatories.

The procedural steps noted below will apply only to Phase 1 matters or as the hearing Panel directs.

# Interrogatories

At this time, provision is being made for written interrogatories. Parties should consult sections 26 and 27 of the OEB's *Rules of Practice and Procedure* for information related to interrogatories. For this proceeding, the OEB will be using the exhibit and tab numbers as the reference for naming interrogatories. The numbering for each interrogatory should be continuous. Parties should not restart the numbering for interrogatories associated with each exhibit and tab. As an example, OEB staff's fifth interrogatory could be related to the allowance for working capital. Therefore, it would be titled as "2.3-Staff-5". OEB staff's 40<sup>th</sup> interrogatory could be related to the utility system plan. Therefore, it would be titled as "2.6-Staff-40".

# Technical Conference

A technical conference will be held to provide clarification on interrogatory responses. In preparation for the transcribed technical conference, the OEB will require parties to file a description of the specific areas that they will be focusing on and an estimate of time required for each area of focus. This will allow a technical conference schedule to be developed. If parties wish to file specific questions in advance, they may do so.

The technical conference will start on **March 22, 2023** and continue until **March 28, 2023**, if necessary. Responses to undertakings from the technical conference shall be filed with the OEB by **April 6, 2023**.

The OEB acknowledges that the deadline for undertakings and the filing of OEB staff and intervenor evidence are approximately one week apart. The OEB requires Enbridge Gas to respond to undertakings that are necessary for the preparation of OEB staff and intervenor evidence as early as possible to allow for the filing of evidence in accordance with this procedural order.

# **Motions Hearing**

The OEB is making provision for a transcribed motions hearing, if necessary. The purpose of this hearing is to provide an opportunity for the OEB to address any motions that may be filed with respect to interrogatory responses, technical conference undertaking responses, and other matters.

# **Settlement Conference**

The OEB is making provision for a settlement conference to be held from **May 9 to May 17, 2023**. No later than May 17, 2023, a letter from OEB staff shall be filed with the OEB (the settlement progress letter). The settlement progress letter will indicate whether parties believe that a full, or substantial but incomplete, settlement is achievable if additional time is granted.

The OEB panel will evaluate whether there is value in the settlement conference continuing based on the settlement progress letter. If there is the prospect of a full, or substantial but incomplete settlement, the OEB panel may provide for the settlement conference to continue beyond the dates scheduled in this procedural order. However, if parties do not believe that a full, or substantial but incomplete, settlement is likely, the OEB panel may end the settlement conference and proceed to an oral hearing.

# Format of the Hearing

In its Notice of Hearing, the OEB invited parties to state their preference for the format of the hearing. Some parties have stated their preference for an in-person oral hearing. The OEB will make its determination on the format of the hearing at a later date.

# **Illustrative Schedule**

On October 20, 2022, Enbridge Gas held an information session in which it provided an overview of the components of its application. At this meeting, OEB staff presented draft case schedules setting out timelines for the processing of Enbridge Gas's application. Several participants provided comments on the schedules. In developing the schedule for this application, some of those suggestions have been incorporated.

The OEB has attached illustrative hearing schedules in Schedule C for phase 1 of the proceeding. Depending on the substance of the settlement progress letter filed by the parties or the outcome of the settlement conference (i.e., full settlement, substantial but incomplete settlement, or a letter advising that there is little prospect of a substantial settlement), Schedule C shows illustrative impacts to the remainder of the hearing schedule. There are other scenarios that may occur in this proceeding (e.g., the settlement progress letter advises that a substantial settlement is achievable and additional time is granted by the OEB, but in the end no, or a very limited, settlement is reached). Therefore, the procedural steps after the start of the settlement conference should be viewed as illustrative.

This Procedural Order only provides procedural steps to the end of the settlement conference as currently scheduled (May 17, 2023). The OEB will provide next steps after reviewing the settlement progress letter.

The OEB notes that the precise dates, or need, for an oral hearing will not be known until after the conclusion of the settlement conference. However, if an oral hearing is required, it will likely be held in June or July, 2023. The OEB expects Enbridge Gas and intervenors to plan accordingly.

The illustrative hearing schedules provided in Schedule C contemplate the proceeding being paused for the winter holidays, as the OEB considers this period to be of limited availability for the parties.

Further procedural orders may be issued by the OEB.

# THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

#### **Issues List**

- 1. An issues list conference will be held on **January 9**, **2023**, starting at 9:30 a.m. This event will be conducted virtually. Further information on how to participate in the event will be communicated to parties closer to the date.
- 2. If parties are unable to reach consensus on a proposed issues list, including which issues will be heard in each phase, and the appropriate timing to hear phase 2 issues, parties shall file written submissions on these matters by **January 16, 2023.**
- 3. If parties reach an agreement on a proposed issues list, OEB staff shall file the proposed issues list by **January 17, 2023**.

# Interrogatories

- 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 all parties by February 10, 2023.
- Enbridge Gas shall file with the OEB complete written responses to all interrogatories and serve them on OEB staff and all intervenors by March 8, 2023.

# **Technical Conference**

- 6. A transcribed technical conference will be held on March 22, 2023 starting at 9:30 a.m. If necessary, the technical conference will continue to March 28, 2023. OEB staff and intervenors shall file with the OEB, and provide to Enbridge Gas, a description of the specific areas they will focus on at the technical conference, and time estimates by March 15, 2023. Further information on how to participate in the event will be communicated to parties closer to the date.
- 7. Responses to undertakings from the technical conference shall be filed with the OEB and sent to all parties by **April 6, 2023**.

# **Motions Hearing**

8. If necessary, a transcribed motions hearing will be held on **April 13, 2023** starting at 9:30 a.m. to hear any motions that have been filed. Further information on how to participate will be communicated to parties closer to the date.

# **OEB Staff and Intervenor Evidence**

- 9. OEB staff shall inform the OEB by letter of its plans to file expert evidence in this proceeding by January 11, 2023. Intervenors shall inform the OEB by letter of their plans to file expert evidence in this proceeding, describing the nature of the evidence, whether the expert evidence will be commissioned jointly with other intervenors, and cost eligible intervenors shall also provide the estimated cost. The estimated cost should include an explanation of any assumptions regarding the purpose and scope of the participation of the expert in the proceeding and should include an estimate of any incremental time that will be spent by the intervenor's counsel or any other consultant in relation to the expert evidence. Intervenors shall file the information on the filing of expert evidence by January 16, 2023.
- 10. If OEB staff or any intervenor are filing expert evidence that is relevant to this proceeding, that evidence shall be filed with the OEB, and copied to Enbridge Gas and intervenors, by **April 14, 2023**.
- 11. If any party is seeking information and material with respect to any evidence filed by OEB staff or any intervenor that is in addition to the evidence filed with the OEB, and that is relevant to this proceeding, that information shall be requested by written interrogatories filed with the OEB, and copied to Enbridge Gas and intervenors by **April 24, 2023.**
- 12. OEB staff or intervenors that receive interrogatories on their evidence shall file with the OEB complete responses to the interrogatories and copy the responses to Enbridge Gas and intervenors by **May 5**, **2023**.

# **Settlement Conference**

 A settlement conference among the parties and OEB staff will be convened on May 9, 2023, starting at 9:30 a.m. If necessary, the settlement conference will continue to May 17, 2023. Further information on how to participate will be communicated to parties closer to the date. 14. **No later than May 17, 2023**, OEB staff shall file a letter informing the OEB of the status of the settlement discussions including whether a tentative agreement has been reached or if the parties propose to continue the settlement discussions.

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-2022-0200** 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 at the address below 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, Khalil Viraney at <u>Khalil.Viraney@oeb.ca</u> and OEB Counsel, Michael Millar at <u>Michael.Millar@oeb.ca</u> and lan Richler at <u>lan.Richler@oeb.ca</u>.

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DATED at Toronto, December 16, 2022

# ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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Applicant and List of Intervenors

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Enbridge Gas Inc.

EB-2022-0200

**Draft Issues List** 

# Draft Issues List

1. Phase 1 – Enbridge Gas 2024 Test Year Approvals effective January 1, 2024

# A. Overall

- 1) Are the proposed rates and service charges just and reasonable?
- 2) Have the customer benefits identified in the amalgamation proceeding EB-2017-0306/0307 been realized?
- 3) Has Enbridge appropriately considered energy transition and integrated resource planning in relation to such things as:
  - a) load forecast
  - b) deemed capital structure
  - c) depreciation rates
  - d) forecast capital expenditures

to determine new rates that will be effective January 1, 2024, considering relevant government policies and legislation?

4) Has Enbridge Gas identified and responded appropriately to all relevant OEB directions from previous proceedings?

# B. Rate Base (Exhibit 2)

- 5) Is the 2024 proposed rate base appropriate?
- 6) Is the forecast of 2024 capital expenditures underpinned by the Asset Management Plan, and in-service additions appropriate?
- 7) Are the proposed harmonized indirect overhead capitalization methodology and proposed 2024 overhead amounts appropriate?

# C. Load Forecast and Revenue Forecast (Exhibit 3)

8) Is the 2024 volume forecast by rate class and resulting revenue forecast appropriate? Is the 2024 storage and transportation revenue and upstream transportation optimization forecast appropriate?

- 9) Is the 2024 other revenue forecast appropriate?
- 10) Are the proposals for harmonized load forecasting methodologies (heating degree days, average use, weather normalization, heat value, customer additions) and the 2024 Test Year results from those methodologies appropriate?

# D. Operating Expenses (Exhibit 4)

- 11) Are the proposed 2024 Test Year operating and maintenance expenses appropriate?
- 12) Are the proposed harmonized depreciation rates and the 2024 Test Year depreciation expense appropriate?
- 13) Are the proposed 2024 income and property tax expenses appropriate?
- 14) In relation to the 2024 Test Year gas cost forecast,
  - a) Is the 2024 gas supply cost, including the forecast of gas, transportation and storage costs, appropriate?
  - b) Is the proposal for a common reference price methodology to set gas costs appropriate?
  - c) Is the proposed harmonized approach to determining gas costs (design day, operational contingency space, unaccounted for gas, Parkway Delivery Obligation) appropriate?
  - d) Is the 2024 Test Year forecast volumes of unaccounted for gas appropriate?
  - e) Is the proposal for an updated harmonized Parkway Delivery Obligation (PDO) Framework appropriate?
  - f) Is the 2024 Test Year Parkway Delivery Commitment Incentive (PDCI) Forecast appropriate?
- 15) Is the proposal to include cost variances in gas cost deferral and variance accounts and extend the deadline for filing the next 5-Year Gas Supply Plan by an additional year appropriate?

# E. Cost of Capital (Exhibit 5)

- 16) Is the proposed 2024 Capital Structure, including return on equity, appropriate?
- 17) Is the proposed 2024 cost of debt and equity components of the capital structure appropriate?
- 18) Is the proposed phase-in of increases to equity thickness over the 2024 to 2028 term appropriate?

# F. Revenue Deficiency/Sufficiency (Exhibit 6)

19) Is the proposed 2024 Test Year Revenue Deficiency calculated correctly?

# G. Cost Allocation (Exhibit 7)

20) Is the 2024 Cost Allocation Study including the methodologies and judgements used and the proposed application of that study to the current rate class design, appropriate?

# H. Rate Design (Exhibit 8)

- 21) Is the proposal to set 2024 rates using current rate classes and an updated harmonized cost allocation study appropriate?
- 22) Is the proposed rate design proposal for the gas supply commodity charge and gas supply transportation charges appropriate?
- 23) Is the proposed rate implementation and mitigation plan for 2024 rates appropriate?
- 24) Are the proposed changes to the terms and conditions applicable on January 1,2024, to existing rate classes appropriate?
- 25) Are the proposed miscellaneous service charges, including Rider G and Rider M, appropriate?

26) Are the proposed Direct Purchase Administration Charge (DPAC) and Distributor Consolidated Billing (DCB) charges appropriate?

# I. Deferral & Variance Accounts (Exhibit 9)

- 27) Is the proposal for harmonization of certain existing deferral and variance accounts appropriate?
- 28) Is the proposal to close and continue certain deferral and variance accounts and establish new ones appropriate?
- 29) Is the proposal to dispose of the forecast balances in certain deferral and variance accounts appropriate?

# J. Other

- 30) Is the proposed regulatory treatment of the Natural Gas Vehicle Program appropriate?
- 31) Is the proposed regulatory treatment of the Distributor Consolidated Billing Program appropriate?
- 32) Is the proposal for the extension of the existing financial terms of the Open Billing Access Program for ten months until October 31, 2024 appropriate?

# K. Rate Implementation

33) How should the OEB implement the approved 2024 rates relevant to this proceeding if they cannot be implemented on or before January 1, 2024?

# 2. Phase 2 – Post 2024 Issues

# A. Storage

- 34) Should the cap on cost-based storage service for in-franchise customers established in the NGEIR decision remain at 199.4 PJ?
- 35) Is the purchase of storage service at market-based rates by Enbridge Gas from Enbridge Gas for in-franchise customers appropriate?
- 36) Is the allocation of capital assets and costs between utility and non-utility (unregulated) storage operations appropriate?
- 37) Is the proposal to add 10 PJ of market-based storage at a cost not currently included in the 2024 Test Year gas cost forecast appropriate?
- 38) Is the proposed harmonized unregulated storage allocation appropriate?

#### **B.** Energy Transition

- 39) Is the proposal for an Energy Transition Technology Fund and associated rate rider appropriate?
- 40) Is the proposal to amend the Voluntary RNG Program, and to procure low-carbon energy as part of the gas supply commodity portfolio, appropriate?

#### C. Harmonized Rate Classes

- 41) Is the proposed design of harmonized rate classes appropriate, including:
  - a. Rate design for the general service rate classes.
  - b. Rate design for the in-franchise contract rate classes.
  - c. Rate design for the ex-franchise rate classes.
- 42) Are the proposed harmonized rates and related charges, based on the 2024 Test Year Cost Allocation Study, just and reasonable?
- 43) Is the proposed implementation and mitigation plan for harmonized rate classes appropriate?

# D. Incentive Rate Mechanism (Exhibit 10)

- 44) Are the proposed Price Cap Incentive Rate-Setting Mechanism, Annual Rate Adjustment Formula, and term appropriate?
- 45) Are the proposed elements of Enbridge Gas's Price Cap Incentive Rate-Setting Mechanism appropriate?
- 46) Is the proposed approach to incremental capital funding appropriate?
- 47) Is the proposed earnings sharing mechanism appropriate?
- 48) Is Enbridge Gas's proposal for annual proceedings for clearance of deferral and variance accounts and presentation of utility results (and any ESM amounts) and scorecard results appropriate?

# E. Other

49) Are the proposed scorecard Performance Metrics and Measurement targets for the amalgamated utility appropriate?

Schedule C

Enbridge Gas Inc.

EB-2022-0200

Illustrative Hearing Schedules

# Illustrative Hearing Schedule – Scenario 1

A substantial settlement occurs.

	Calendar Date	Calendar Days Elapsed
Enbridge Gas files Part 1 of application	Monday, October 31, 2022	-14
Letter acknowledging receipt of application	Tuesday, November 1, 2022	-13
OEB Correspondence Issued	Monday, November 14, 2022	0
Notice of Application issued	Monday, November 14, 2022	0
Affidavits of Service received	Wednesday, November 23, 2022	9
Enbridge Gas files Part 2 of application	Wednesday, November 30, 2022	16
Intervention request period closes	Friday, December 2, 2022	18
Procedural Order No. 1 issued	Friday, December 16, 2022	32
Holiday Break (December 17	, 2022 to January 7, 2023)	
Issues Conference held among parties	Monday, January 9, 2023	34
Submissions on issues list	Monday, January 16, 2023	41
If agreement reached, OEB staff files proposed issues list	Tuesday, January 17, 2023	42
OEB staff files letter on plans to file evidence	Wednesday, January 11, 2023	36
Intervenors file letter on plans to file evidence	Monday, January 16, 2023	41
OEB staff and intervenors file interrogatories	Friday, February 10, 2023	66
Enbridge Gas files responses to interrogatories	Wednesday, March 8, 2023	92
OEB staff and intervenors to file topic areas and time estimates for Technical Conference	Wednesday, March 15, 2023	99
March Break (March 1	3 to March 17 2023)	
Technical Conference begins	Wednesday, March 22, 2023	106
Technical Conference ends	Tuesday, March 28, 2023	112
Technical Conference undertakings received	Thursday, April 6, 2023	121
Motions Hearing	Thursday, April 13, 2023	128
OEB staff and intervenors file evidence	Friday, April 14, 2023	129
Interrogatories on OEB staff and intervenor evidence filed	Monday, April 24, 2023	139
OEB staff and intervenor responses to interrogatories on evidence filed	Friday, May 5, 2023	150
Settlement Conference begins	Tuesday, May 9, 2023	154
Settlement Conference ends	Wednesday, May 17, 2023	162
Settlement Progress Letter filed	Friday, May 17, 2023	164
Settlement proposal filed (Substantial Settlement)	Friday, June 9, 2023	185
OEB staff submission on settlement proposal filed	Monday, June 19, 2023	195
Presentation of Settlement Agreement & Oral Hearing	Tuesday, July 4, 2023	210
on Unsettled Issues begins (1 week)		
Oral Hearing Ends	Monday, July 10, 2023	216
Undertakings from Oral Hearing Filed	Friday, July 21, 2023	227
Argument-in-chief filed	Monday, July 24, 2023	230
OEB Staff and Intervenor Submissions filed	Monday, August 14, 2023	251
Reply Argument Filed	Monday, August 28, 2023	265
Decision Issued	Tuesday, November 28, 2023	357

# Illustrative Hearing Schedule – Scenario 2

A partial settlement occurs.

	Calendar Date	Calendar Days Elapsed
Enbridge Gas files Part 1 of application	Monday, October 31, 2022	-14
Letter acknowledging receipt of application	Tuesday, November 1, 2022	-13
OEB Correspondence Issued	Monday, November 14, 2022	0
Notice of Application issued	Monday, November 14, 2022	0
Affidavits of Service received	Wednesday, November 23, 2022	9
Enbridge Gas files Part 2 of application	Wednesday, November 30, 2022	16
Intervention request period closes	Friday, December 2, 2022	18
Procedural Order No. 1 issued	Friday, December 16, 2022	32
Holiday Break (December 17	, 2022 to January 7, 2023)	
Issues Conference held among parties	Monday, January 9, 2023	34
Submissions on issues list	Monday, January 16, 2023	41
If agreement reached, OEB staff files proposed issues list	Tuesday, January 17, 2023	42
OEB staff files letter on plans to file evidence	Wednesday, January 11, 2023	36
Intervenors file letter on plans to file evidence	Monday, January 16, 2023	41
OEB staff and intervenors file interrogatories	Friday, February 10, 2023	66
Enbridge Gas files responses to interrogatories	Wednesday, March 8, 2023	92
OEB staff and intervenors to file topic areas and time estimates for Technical Conference	Wednesday, March 15, 2023	99
March Break (March 1	3 to March 17, 2023)	
Technical Conference begins	Wednesday, March 22, 2023	106
Technical Conference ends	Tuesday, March 28, 2023	112
Technical Conference undertakings received	Thursday, April 6, 2023	121
Motions Hearing	Thursday, April 13, 2023	128
OEB staff and intervenors file evidence	Friday, April 14, 2023	129
Interrogatories on OEB staff and intervenor evidence filed	Monday, April 24, 2023	139
OEB staff and intervenor responses to interrogatories on evidence filed	Friday, May 5, 2023	150
Settlement Conference begins	Tuesday, May 9, 2023	154
Settlement Conference ends	Wednesday, May 17, 2023	162
Settlement Progress Letter filed	Friday, May 17, 2023	164
Settlement proposal filed (Partial Settlement)	Friday, June 2, 2023	178
OEB staff submission on settlement proposal filed	Monday, June 12, 2023	188
Presentation of Settlement Agreement & Oral Hearing on Unsettled Issues begins (2 weeks)	Monday, June 26, 2023	202
Oral Hearing Ends	Monday, July 10, 2023	216
Undertakings from Oral Hearing Filed	Thursday, July 20, 2023	226
Argument-in-chief filed	Monday, July 24, 2023	230
OEB Staff and Intervenor Submissions filed	Monday, August 14, 2023	251
Reply Argument Filed	Monday, August 28, 2023	265
Decision Issued	Tuesday, November 28, 2023	357

# Illustrative Hearing Schedule – Scenario 3

No settlement is reached.

	Calendar Date	Calendar Days Elapsed
Enbridge Gas files Part 1 of application	Monday, October 31, 2022	-14
Letter acknowledging receipt of application	Tuesday, November 1, 2022	-13
OEB Correspondence Issued	Monday, November 14, 2022	0
Notice of Application issued	Monday, November 14, 2022	0
Affidavits of Service received	Wednesday, November 23, 2022	9
Enbridge Gas files Part 2 of application	Wednesday, November 30, 2022	16
Intervention request period closes	Friday, December 2, 2022	18
Procedural Order No. 1 issued	Friday, December 16, 2022	32
Holiday Break (December 17	, 2022 to January 7, 2023)	
Issues Conference held among parties	Monday, January 9, 2023	34
Submissions on issues list	Monday, January 16, 2023	41
If agreement reached, OEB staff files proposed issues list	Tuesday, January 17, 2023	42
OEB staff files letter on plans to file evidence	Wednesday, January 11, 2023	36
Intervenors file letter on plans to file evidence	Monday, January 16, 2023	41
OEB staff and intervenors file interrogatories	Friday, February 10, 2023	66
Enbridge Gas files responses to interrogatories	Wednesday, March 8, 2023	92
OEB staff and intervenors to file topic areas and time estimates for Technical Conference	Wednesday, March 15, 2023	99
March Break (March 1	3 to March 17, 2023)	
Technical Conference begins	Wednesday, March 22, 2023	106
Technical Conference ends	Tuesday, March 28, 2023	112
Technical Conference undertakings received	Thursday, April 6, 2023	121
Motions Hearing	Thursday, April 13, 2023	128
OEB staff and intervenors file evidence	Friday, April 14, 2023	129
Interrogatories on OEB staff and intervenor evidence filed	Monday, April 24, 2023	139
OEB staff and intervenor responses to interrogatories on evidence filed	Friday, May 5, 2023	150
Settlement Conference begins	Tuesday, May 9, 2023	154
Settlement Conference ends	Wednesday, May 17, 2023	162
Settlement Progress Letter filed (No settlement)	Wednesday, May 17, 2023	162
Pre-Hearing Conference (among parties) to discuss plan for oral hearing	Tuesday, May 23, 2023	168
Oral Hearing on ALL Issues begins (4 weeks)	Monday, June 5, 2023	181
Oral Hearing Ends	Tuesday, July 4, 2023	210
Undertakings from Oral Hearing Filed	Friday, July 14, 2023	220
Argument-in-chief filed	Tuesday, July 18, 2023	224
OEB Staff and Intervenor Submissions filed	Friday, August 11, 2023	248
Reply Argument Filed	Monday, August 28, 2023	265
Decision Issued	Tuesday, November 28, 2023	357