

March 10, 2023

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

Dear Ms. Marconi:

**Re: System Access Proceeding
Ontario Energy Board File Number: EB-2022-0094**

Pursuant to Decision and Procedural Order No. 4 issued February 7, 2023, this letter is to inform the Ontario Energy Board of Enbridge Gas' intention to submit evidence in this proceeding.

At a high level, Enbridge Gas' evidence will address issues raised within the evidence of the Ontario Petroleum Institute (OPI) including:

- OPI's claims that Enbridge Gas' process for connecting Ontario gas producers to the distribution system is not a robust, prescriptive one, but rather a connection process that is ad hoc with no firm timelines or standardized information exchange procedures;
- OPI claims that its members have experienced poor responsiveness on the part of Enbridge Gas to service requests from Ontario producers;
- OPI's suspicion that when Enbridge Gas determines how much local supply it would be prepared to accept, locally produced gas is considered by Enbridge Gas to be the "gas of last resort";
- OPI's belief that greater transparency about available market / capacity in the Enbridge Gas distribution system is needed and that such market / capacity analysis should incorporate the environmental and economic benefits of local production;
- OPI claims that its members' experience indicates that Enbridge Gas' construction costs are very high; and
- OPI's claims that Ontario producers are frequently "shut-in" (i.e., curtailed) for extended periods of time when Enbridge Gas makes system changes or upgrades and that more notice should be given to Ontario producers, and shut-in periods should be much shorter in duration.

The procedural schedule for this System Access proceeding includes the submission of information requests on OPI's evidence by March 17, 2023 with responses to these information requests due from OPI by March 31, 2023. Given that OPI's responses to these information requests should help inform Enbridge Gas' evidence, and given the overlap of Enbridge Gas' 2024 rebasing proceeding (EB-2022-0200) and the need for limited internal resources to be involved in both proceedings, it is proposed that Enbridge Gas submit its evidence in this System Access proceeding by May 31, 2023.

Realizing that there will most likely be subsequent procedural steps involving information requests on Enbridge Gas' evidence, we ask that the OEB keep in mind the procedural schedule of the 2024 rebasing proceeding and the need for some Enbridge Gas staff to be involved in both proceedings.

Should you have any questions on this submission, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

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