

ENBRIDGE GAS INC. 2024 REBASING APPLICATION

EB-2022-0200

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD STAFF INTERROGATORIES

ON EVIDENCE OF FEDERATION OF RENTAL-HOUSING PROVIDERS OF ONTARIO (EXHIBIT M4)

M4.Staff-1

Ref: FRPO Evidence, pp. 7-9

In its evidence, North Side Energy discusses pipeline capacity into downstate New York and New England from the gas production and storage areas in the Gulf Coast and Appalachia. The evidence refers to certain projects in the above-mentioned areas that did not proceed but goes on to mention other projects to expand pipeline capacity into New York and New England that did go forward.

- a) The evidence mentions the Dominion Transmission New Market project, the TGP East 300 Upgrade project, the Algonquin Incremental Market project and the Atlantic Bridge project that add capacity into New York and New England. Please confirm if these expansion projects are underpinned by contracts and if any of the contracts are held by LDCs that have existing contracts on the Dawn Parkway system.
- b) Please confirm if the expansion projects mentioned in (a) have excess available capacity.

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Ref: FRPO Evidence, pp. 12-13

The evidence notes that the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities initiated a proceeding in 2020 to examine the future role of gas utilities in meeting the state's Greenhouse Gas reduction objectives. The evidence states, "in cases where the LDC forecasts of future gas use are high relative to the results of the longer-term planning studies, this may be intentional. Because the timing and impact of building electrification and new energy efficiency programs on future gas use is uncertain, some LDCs have chosen not to factor these into their current forecasts."

- a) Please confirm if the regulator accepted the forecasts of utilities that did not consider electrification and new energy efficiency programs or if the regulator made certain adjustments to the forecast.
- b) If it was a generic proceeding, please indicate if the regulator provided guidance to the utilities with respect to the development of their natural gas forecast.

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Ref: Exhibit M4, p. 15

North Side Energy recommends that the OEB allow buy-out payments in reverse open seasons and that this be explicitly addressed in the Storage and Transportation Access Rule, as this may allow Enbridge Gas to meet its projected capacity requirement at a lower total cost than building new capacity, consistent with the IRP Framework.

Does North Side Energy believe that any other OEB rules, codes, or policies would need to be revised to permit Enbridge Gas to pay buy-out payments in reverse open seasons that are recoverable from ratepayers? If so, please provide additional details.