



Ontario Energy Board

**A hearing on the Ontario Energy Board's own motion to
consider the price paid by rate-regulated natural gas
distributors and their customers for natural gas
produced in Ontario**

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 7

July 11, 2023

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) initiated a proceeding on its own motion to consider the price paid by rate-regulated natural gas distributors for natural gas produced in Ontario. In its Decision and Procedural Order No. 4, the OEB renamed the proceeding the "System Access proceeding" to better reflect its revised scope.

In Procedural Order No. 6, the OEB established May 31, 2023 as the deadline for Enbridge Gas to file evidence in the proceeding. The OEB also established a process for parties to file interrogatories on Enbridge Gas's evidence and for Enbridge Gas to respond to the interrogatories. The OEB also established deadlines for arguments from OEB staff and intervenors.

On June 28, 2023, Enbridge Gas filed its responses to interrogatories. In the cover letter, Enbridge Gas requested a four-week extension to the July 28, 2023 deadline for intervenor and OEB staff submissions in this proceeding. Enbridge Gas stated that many of its staff that will be working on its submission for this proceeding are also involved with the review of its 2024 rebasing application.¹ The oral hearing for that proceeding will commence July 13, 2023, and end August 3, 2023, with an option to continue from August 8-11, 2023, if necessary.²

The OEB finds that Enbridge Gas's request is reasonable in the context of the busy regulatory calendar in the coming months. In addition, the OEB acknowledges that many parties to the EB-2022-0094 proceeding are also involved in the review of

¹ Application for 2024 Cost of Service Rates and 2025-2028 Incentive Rate-setting Mechanism, EB-2022-0200

² EB-2022-0200, Procedural Order No. 6, June 23, 2023

Enbridge Gas's 2024 rebasing application and may have similar timing issues. The OEB will reschedule the remaining deadlines established in Procedural Order No. 6.

The deadline for Ontario Petroleum Institute (OPI) to file its submission is extended from July 14, 2023, to **July 28, 2023**.

The deadline for intervenors and OEB staff to file replies to OPI's submission is extended from July 28, 2023, to **August 25, 2023**.

The deadline for OPI to file its reply to the submissions of intervenors and OEB staff is extended from August 11, 2023, to **September 8, 2023**.

Further procedural orders may be issued by the OEB.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. The Ontario Petroleum Institute shall file with the OEB its written submission and serve it on all intervenors by **July 28, 2023**.
2. Intervenors and OEB staff who wish to file replies to Ontario Petroleum Institute's submission shall file them with the OEB and serve them on all parties by **August 25, 2023**.
3. The Ontario Petroleum Institute shall file with the OEB and serve on all parties its reply to the submissions of intervenors and OEB staff by **September 8, 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 [Rules of Practice and Procedure](#).

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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, Ritchie Murray at ritchie.murray@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, Michael Millar at michael.millar@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, **July 11, 2023**

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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