

EB-2022-0200

### Enbridge Gas Inc.

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

# DECISION ON CONFIDENTIALITY September 1, 2023

Enbridge Gas Inc. filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board under section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998 seeking approval for changes to the rates that it 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 for the years 2025 to 2028.

Pursuant to the OEB's August 11, 2023 letter amending dates for final submissions, Enbridge Gas filed its completed package of undertaking responses from the oral hearing on August 18, 2023. Enbridge Gas requested confidential treatment for portions of its response to undertaking J14.9, as indicated in Attachments A and B of its August 18, 2023 cover letter to its undertaking responses.

#### Irrelevant Information

Enbridge Gas requested confidential treatment of certain information in the Gas Distribution and Storage Risk Register at J14.9, Attachment 1 on the basis that it is irrelevant (as per Attachment A). Enbridge Gas stated that risk item #157 at J14.9, Attachment 1 relates to other Enbridge Inc. business units that are not the subject of the application. Enbridge Gas filed an unredacted version of J14.9, Attachment 1 for the OEB's consideration.

#### **Findings**

The OEB finds that risk item #157 in J14.9, Attachment 1 is irrelevant and grants Enbridge Gas's request for confidential treatment. Enbridge Gas shall file with the OEB a revised confidential version of J14.9, Attachment 1 with the above-described information unredacted.

#### **Confidential Information**

Enbridge Gas requested confidential treatment of certain information in the Gas Distribution and Storage Risk Register at J14.9, Attachment 1. Enbridge Gas stated that risk items at J14.9, Attachment 1 contain sensitive information relating to security vulnerabilities/risks or is information that could prejudice Enbridge Gas in ongoing or future negotiations (as per Attachment B).

## **Findings**

The OEB finds that the redacted information in J14.9, Attachment 1 described in Attachment B of Enbridge Gas's August 18, 2023 cover letter is sensitive and grants Enbridge Gas's request for confidential treatment.

#### THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Enbridge Gas's request for confidential treatment of certain information in J14.9, Attachment 1 is granted. Enbridge Gas shall provide individuals that have signed and filed a Declaration and Undertaking with a revised unredacted version of J14.9, Attachment 1.

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**DATED** at Toronto, **September 1, 2023** 

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