



Enbridge Gas Inc.

Application for approval of costs and the accounting treatment of costs, associated with two Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) Pilot Projects.

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1
September 7, 2023**

Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) applied to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on July 19, 2023, under section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, for approval of the cost consequences of the IRP Plans for the two IRP Pilot Projects and the proposed accounting treatment to record costs of these Pilot Projects in the IRP costs deferral accounts for later disposition and recovery. Enbridge Gas designed two IRP Pilot Projects to implement demand-side IRP Alternatives (“IRPAs”) in combination with supply-side IRPAs in the communities of Parry Sound (the “Parry Sound Pilot Project”) and the City of Sarnia and Town of Plympton Wyoming (the “Southern Lake Huron Pilot Project”). These IRP Pilot Projects aim to mitigate identified system constraints and associated facility reinforcement projects, and are also intended to provide learnings regarding future IRPA design, performance, and potential for scalability. The Pilots are expected to be an effective approach to understand and evaluate how IRP can be implemented to avoid, delay, or reduce facility projects.

Intervention Request and Cost Eligibility

A Notice of Hearing was issued on August 8, 2023. The following parties applied for intervenor status:

- Association of Power Producers of Ontario (APPrO)
- Consumers Council of Canada (CCC)
- Environmental Defence
- Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario (FRPO)
- Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO)
- Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers (OGVG)
- Pollution Probe
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)

APPo, CCC, Environmental Defence, FRPO, OGVG, Pollution Probe, SEC, and VECC also applied for cost eligibility.

No objection was received from Enbridge Gas .

All parties listed above are approved as intervenors. The list of parties in this proceeding is attached as Schedule A to this Procedural Order.

APPo, CCC, Environmental Defence, FRPO, OGVG, Pollution Probe, SEC, and VECC are eligible to apply for an award of costs under the OEB's [Practice Direction on Cost Awards](#).

Cost eligible intervenors should be aware that the OEB will not generally allow the recovery of costs for the attendance of more than one representative of any party unless a compelling reason is provided when cost claims are filed.

Issues List

The OEB is making provision for the development of an issues list prior to the filing of written interrogatories. OEB staff will file its submission on a proposed issues list for the OEB's consideration first. Enbridge Gas and approved intervenors are then invited to file written submissions on a proposed issues list. Following these submissions, all parties (including OEB staff) will have an opportunity to provide additional comments regarding the submissions of other parties. After considering submissions on the proposed issues list, the OEB will render a decision on the issues list prior to the filing of interrogatories to define the scope of this proceeding. It may be that the OEB provides further or alternative direction on the issues list process in advance of parties filing reply submissions.

Interrogatories

At this time, provision is being made for written interrogatories. In preparing their interrogatories, parties should refer to the Issues List to be decided by the Panel. In making its decision on cost awards, the OEB will consider whether intervenors made reasonable efforts to ensure that their participation in the hearing was focused on relevant and material issues.

Parties should consult sections 26 and 27 of the OEB's [Rules of Practice and Procedure](#) regarding required naming and numbering conventions and other matters related to interrogatories.

Technical Conference and Oral Hearing

The OEB will make its determination on whether a technical conference and/or an oral hearing is required after responses to interrogatories have been filed. OEB staff and intervenors may file comments on the need for a technical conference and/or an oral hearing in accordance with the schedule set out in this Procedural Order. Enbridge Gas will have the opportunity to respond to those comments.

It is necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding. Further procedural orders may be issued by the OEB.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. OEB staff shall file written submissions on a proposed issues list with the OEB and serve them on all parties by **September 14, 2023**.
2. Enbridge Gas and Intervenors may file written submissions on a proposed issues list with the OEB and serve them on all parties by **September 21, 2023**.
3. Enbridge Gas, OEB staff and Intervenors may file any reply to the submissions of other parties on the proposed issues list with the OEB and serve it on all parties by **September 26, 2023**.
4. 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, **October 13, 2023**.
5. Enbridge Gas shall file with the OEB complete written responses to all interrogatories and serve them on intervenors by, **October 27, 2023**.
6. If OEB staff and intervenors wish to file comments regarding the need for a technical conference and/or oral hearing, they shall file those comments with the OEB by **November 1, 2023**.
7. Enbridge Gas may file a response to the comments regarding the need for a technical conference and/or oral hearing with the OEB by **November 3, 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](#).

Please quote file number, **EB-2022-0335** for all materials filed and submit them in searchable/unrestricted PDF format with a digital signature through the [OEB's online 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 [Regulatory Electronic Submission System \(RESS\) Document Guidelines](#) found at the [File documents online page](#) on the OEB's website.
- Parties are encouraged to use RESS. Those who have not yet [set up an account](#), or require assistance using the online filing portal can contact registrar@oeb.ca for assistance.
- Cost claims are filed through the OEB's online filing portal. Please visit the [File documents online page](#) 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 [Practice Direction on Cost Awards](#).

All communications should be directed to the attention of the Registrar 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, Stephanie Cheng at stephanie.cheng@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, Lawren Murray at lawren.murray@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, **September 7, 2023**

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

By delegation, before: Nancy Marconi

Nancy Marconi
Registrar

Schedule A
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Applicant and List of Intervenors

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