

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, Schedule B; and in particular sections 90(1) and 97 thereof;

AND IN THE MATTER OF the *Municipal Franchises Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.M.55, as amended;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Enbridge Gas Inc. for an order granting leave to construct natural gas distribution pipelines and ancillary facilities that make up a Community Expansion Project to provide access to natural gas within the Townships of Admaston/Bromley, North-Algona Wilberforce and Bonnechere Valley in the County of Renfrew;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Enbridge Gas Inc. for an Order approving the terms and conditions upon which, and the period for which, the Corporation of the Township of Bonnechere Valley is, by by-law, to grant to Enbridge Gas Inc. the right to construct and operate works for the distribution, transmission and storage of natural gas and the right to extend and add to the works in the Township of Bonnechere Valley;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Enbridge Gas Inc. for an Order directing and declaring that the assent of the municipal electors of the Township of Bonnechere Valley to the by-law is not necessary;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Enbridge Gas Inc. for an Order granting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct works to supply natural gas in the Township of Bonnechere Valley;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Enbridge Gas Inc. for an Order approving the terms and conditions upon which, and the period for which, the Corporation of North Algona Wilberforce Township is, by by-law, to grant to Enbridge Gas Inc. the right to construct and operate works

for the distribution, transmission and storage of natural gas and the right to extend and add to the works in the Township of North Algona Wilberforce;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Enbridge Gas Inc. for an Order directing and declaring that the assent of the municipal electors of the Township of North Algona Wilberforce to the by-law is not necessary;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Enbridge Gas Inc. for an Order granting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct works to supply natural gas in the Township of North Algona Wilberforce.

APPLICATION

1. Enbridge Gas Inc. (“Enbridge Gas” or the “Company”) hereby applies to the Ontario Energy Board (“OEB”) pursuant to section 90(1) of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15, Schedule B (the “Act”), for an order granting leave to construct natural gas pipelines and facilities, as described herein, in the Townships of Admaston/Bromley, North-Algona Wilberforce and Bonnechere Valley, Ontario (“Project”). The specific pipeline facilities for which the Company is seeking OEB approval through this Application consist of:
 - Phase 1
 - i. Approximately 11 km of Nominal Pipe Size (“NPS”) 8 inch Polyethylene (“PE”), and
 - ii. Approximately 50 m combination of NPS 6 inch and 8 inch Steel (“ST”).
 - Phase 2
 - i. Approximately 11 km of NPS 8 inch PE.

2. For ease of reference and to assist the OEB with preparation of the notice of application for the Project, a map of the proposed facilities is included as Attachment 1 to this Exhibit.
3. On June 9, 2021, the proposed Eganville Community Expansion Project was approved to receive funding assistance as part of Phase 2 of the Government of Ontario's Natural Gas Expansion Program ("NGEP"), which provides financial support to help utilities expand access to natural gas distribution in areas of Ontario that are not currently connected to the natural gas system. The Project will provide approximately 723 forecasted customers located in the Townships of Admaston/Bromley, North-Algona Wilberforce and Bonnechere Valley with access to safe, reliable, and affordable natural gas distribution services.¹
4. With leave to construct approval from the OEB, construction of the Project is planned to commence in August 2024 with Phase 1 of the Supply Lateral planned to be placed into service in December 2024 and Phase 2 of the Supply Lateral into service in June 2025. The proposed construction schedule can be found at Exhibit D, Tab 2, Schedule 1.
5. Enbridge Gas proposes to charge a System Expansion Surcharge ("SES") to all new customers taking gas distribution service from the Project. In accordance with the OEB's EB-2020-0094 Decision and Order, the SES will be a fixed volumetric rate of \$0.23 per cubic metre of gas to be charged in addition to all other rates approved by the OEB to be charged by Enbridge Gas. The SES is proposed to be charged to all customers taking gas distribution service from the

¹ 723 customers including: 656 residential and 67 commercial customers.

Project for a term of 40 years. Detailed information about the proposed SES and its applicability to the Project can be found in Exhibit E.

6. If the OEB determines that it will conduct a hearing for this application, then Enbridge Gas requests that it proceed by way of written hearing in English.
7. Enbridge Gas has a Franchise Agreement with the Township of Admaston/Bromley.² Enbridge Gas also holds a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for any project work within the Township of Admaston/Bromley.³ These OEB approved documents allow the Company to construct, operate and add to the natural gas distribution system within all parts of the municipality.
8. The Corporation of the Township of Bonnechere Valley is a municipal corporation incorporated under the laws of the Province of Ontario. A map showing the geographical location of the Township of Bonnechere Valley is included as Attachment 2 to this Exhibit.
9. The Township of Bonnechere Valley is a lower-tier municipality in the County of Renfrew. On January 1, 2001, the current Township of Bonnechere Valley was formed through the amalgamation of the former Village of Eganville, the former Township of Grattan, the former Township of Sebastapol and the former Township of South Algona.
10. On January 18, 2022, the Council of the Township of Bonnechere Valley gave approval to the form of a Franchise Agreement in favour of Enbridge Gas and

² Township of Admaston/Bromley Franchise Agreement, EB-2018-0238 (dated September 13, 2018).

³ Township of Admaston/Bromley CPCN, EB-2018-0238 (effective December 20, 2018).

authorized Enbridge Gas to apply to the Ontario Energy Board for approval of the terms and conditions upon which and the period for which the franchise agreement is proposed to be granted.

11. Attached hereto as Attachment 3 is a copy of the Resolution of the Council of the Township of Bonnechere Valley approving the form of the draft by-law and franchise agreement, authorizing this submission to the Ontario Energy Board, and requesting an Order declaring and directing that the assent of the municipal electors to the by-law and franchise agreement is not necessary.
12. Attached hereto as Attachment 4 is a copy of the Township of Bonnechere Valley's draft By-law and the proposed franchise agreement.
13. Enbridge Gas has a franchise agreement with and Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Township of Admaston / Bromley which is immediately adjacent to the Township of Bonnechere Valley. There is no other natural gas distributor in the area.
14. The proposed franchise agreement with the Township of Bonnechere Valley is in the form of the 2000 Model Franchise Agreement with no amendments and is for a term of twenty (20) years.
15. The address of the Township of Bonnechere Valley is as follows:

Township of Bonnechere Valley

49 Bonnechere Street East

Eganville, ON K0J 1T0

Attention: Annette Gilchrist, Chief Administrative Officer

Telephone: (613) 628-3101

Email: annetteg@eganville.com

The address for Enbridge Gas' regional operations office is:

Enbridge Gas Inc.

400 Coventry Road

Ottawa, ON K1K 2C7

Attention: Jean-Benoit Trahan, Director, Eastern Region Operations

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16. The newspaper having the highest circulation in the Township of Bonnechere Valley is the *Eganville Leader*. This is the newspaper used by the Township of Bonnechere Valley for its notices.
17. The Corporation of North Algona Wilberforce Township is a municipal corporation incorporated under the laws of the Province of Ontario. Attached hereto and marked as Attachment 5 is a map showing the geographical location of the Township of North Algona Wilberforce.
18. The Township of North Algona Wilberforce is a lower-tier municipality in the County of Renfrew. On January 1, 1999, the current Township of North Algona Wilberforce was formed through the amalgamation of the former Township of North Algona and the former Township of Wilberforce.
19. On September 20, 2022, the Council of the Township of North Algona Wilberforce gave approval to the form of a Franchise Agreement in favour of

Enbridge Gas and authorized Enbridge Gas to apply to the Ontario Energy Board for approval of the terms and conditions upon which and the period for which the franchise agreement is proposed to be granted.

20. Attached hereto as Attachment 6 is a copy of the Resolution of the Council of the Township of North Algona Wilberforce approving the form of the draft by-law and franchise agreement, authorizing this submission to the Ontario Energy Board, and requesting an Order declaring and directing that the assent of the municipal electors to the by-law and franchise agreement is not necessary.
21. Attached hereto as Attachment 7 is a copy of the Township of North Algona Wilberforce's By-law 2022-52 and the proposed franchise agreement.
22. Enbridge Gas has franchise agreements with and Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Township of Admaston / Bromley and the Township of Laurentian Valley which are immediately adjacent to the Township of North Algona Wilberforce. There is no other natural gas distributor in the area.
23. The proposed franchise agreement with the Township of North Algona Wilberforce is in the form of the 2000 Model Franchise Agreement with no amendments and is for a term of twenty (20) years.
24. The address of the Township of North Algona Wilberforce is as follows:

Township of North Algona Wilberforce
1091 Shaw Woods Road
Eganville, ON K0J 1T0

Attention: Michelle Mantifel, Clerk / Treasurer

Telephone: (613) 628-2080

Email: clerk@nalgonawil.com

The address for Enbridge Gas' regional operations office is:

Enbridge Gas Inc.

400 Coventry Road

Ottawa, ON K1K 2C7

Attention: Jean-Benoit Trahan, Director, Eastern Region Operations

Email: jean-benoit.trahan@enbridge.com

25. The newspaper having the highest circulation in the Township of North Algona Wilberforce is the *Eganville Leader*. This is the newspaper used by the Township of North Algona Wilberforce for its notices.
26. Enbridge Gas requests that the OEB make the following orders:
 - (i) pursuant to section 90(1) of the Act, an Order granting leave to construct the Project;
 - (ii) pursuant to section 97 of the Act, an Order approving the form of temporary land use agreements and easement agreements found at Exhibit G, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Attachments 1 and 2;
 - (iii) pursuant to s.9(3) of the *Municipal Franchises Act*, an Order approving the terms and conditions upon which, and the period for which, the Township of Bonnechere Valley is, by by-law, to grant Enbridge Gas the right to

construct and operate works for the distribution, transmission and storage of natural gas within the Township of Bonnechere Valley and the right to extend and add to the works;

- (iv) pursuant to s.9(4) of the *Municipal Franchises Act*, an Order directing and declaring that the assent of the municipal electors of the Township of Bonnechere Valley is not necessary for the proposed franchise agreement by-law under the circumstances;
- (v) pursuant to s.8 of the *Municipal Franchises Act*, an Order granting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct works to supply natural gas in the Township of Bonnechere Valley;
- (vi) pursuant to s.9(3) of the *Municipal Franchises Act*, an Order approving the terms and conditions upon which, and the period for which, the Township of North Algona Wilberforce is, by by-law, to grant Enbridge Gas the right to construct and operate works for the distribution, transmission and storage of natural gas within the Township of North Algona Wilberforce and the right to extend and add to the works;
- (vii) pursuant to s.9(4) of the *Municipal Franchises Act*, an Order directing and declaring that the assent of the municipal electors of the Township of North Algona Wilberforce is not necessary for the proposed franchise agreement by-law under the circumstances; and
- (viii) pursuant to s.8 of the *Municipal Franchises Act*, an Order granting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct works to supply natural gas in the Township of North Algona Wilberforce.

27. Enbridge Gas requests that copies of all documents filed with the OEB in connection with this proceeding be served on it and on its counsel, as follows:

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DATED at the City of Chatham, Ontario this 21st day of September 2023.

ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

Eric VanRuymbeke,
Sr Advisor, Leave to Construct Applications