

September 26, 2023

Ms. Nancy Marconi
Registrar
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Marconi:

**Re: Projects to Expand Access to Natural Gas Distribution (Phase 2)
Selwyn, Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte / Shannonville and Hidden Valley**

I am writing in relation to section 36.2 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* and Ontario Regulation 24/19 (Expansion Funding Regulation), as amended by Ontario Regulation 451/21 effective June 8, 2021.

Section 7 of the Expansion Funding Regulation contemplates that the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will provide the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) with confirmation once the necessary OEB approvals referred to in section 2(1)(b) of the Expansion Funding Regulation have been obtained in relation to a gas expansion project covered by that Regulation. Section 2(1)(b) refers to "all necessary approvals from the [OEB] to authorize the expansion of a natural gas distribution system", which means any one or more of the following approvals as may be applicable to a given project:

- A Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity under section 8 of the *Municipal Franchises Act*
- A Municipal Franchise Agreement under section 9 of the *Municipal Franchises Act*
- Leave to construct under section 96 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* further to an application under section 90

To date, the OEB has provided the IESO with confirmation that all approvals have been obtained in respect of the following projects being developed by Enbridge Gas and listed in Schedule 2 of the Expansion Funding Regulation:

- Burk's Falls (item 4 of Schedule 2)
- Kenora District (Highway 594) (item 15 of Schedule 2)
- Stanley's Olde Maple Lane Farm (item 27 of Schedule 2)
- Perth East (Brunner) (item 20 of Schedule 2)
- Haldimand Shores (item 12 of Schedule 2)
- Hamilton Airport Regional Expansion (item 13 of Schedule 2)

In its project proposals for funding under Phase 2 of the Natural Gas Expansion Program (NGEP), Enbridge Gas proposed to expand access to gas distribution service in the following communities:

- Township of Selwyn – In the project proposal submitted to the NGEF, Enbridge Gas noted that approvals that would be required for the project were limited to a leave to construct.
- Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte First Nation residing on the Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory as well as parts of the community of Shannonville in the Township of Tyendinaga - In the project proposal submitted to the NGEF, Enbridge Gas noted that approvals that would be required for the project were a leave to construct and approval of a System Expansion Surcharge (SES) rate.
- The community of Hidden Valley within the Town of Huntsville and the District Municipality of Muskoka - In the project proposal submitted to the NGEF, Enbridge Gas noted that approvals that would be required for the project were a leave to construct and approval of a SES rate.

In its Decisions and Orders dated September 21, 2023, the OEB granted Enbridge Gas leave to construct the proposed Township of Selwyn project (EB-2022-0156), the proposed Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte First Nation / Shannonville project (EB-2022-0248) and the proposed Hidden Valley project (EB-2022-0249).

Specific approval of the SES for the customers that will be attached to the proposed projects was not required because of the OEB’s decision in the Harmonized System Expansion Surcharge proceeding (EB-2020-0094).

By this letter, Enbridge Gas is confirming that, to the extent that they were required, all such approvals have been obtained in respect of the following projects being developed by Enbridge Gas and listed in Schedule 2 of the Expansion Funding Regulation:

- Selwyn (item 24 of Schedule 2)
- Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte First Nation (item 18 of Schedule 2)
- Hidden Valley (Huntsville) (item 14 of Schedule 2)

Should you have any questions on this submission, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

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