



**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. 3**

**November 17, 2023**

On November 10, 2023, Enbridge Gas wrote to the Ontario Energy Board advising, among other things, that NRCan is closing the application process for new entrants into the Greener Homes Grant program in Q1 of 2024. As a result of this change, Enbridge Gas advised that it expects some of its evidence and interrogatory responses will need to be updated. Enbridge Gas proposed to file updated evidence and interrogatory responses by November 30, 2023.

One of the two proposed IRP pilot projects relied in part on the installation of heat pumps supported by incentives under the HER+ DSM program delivered by Enbridge Gas. Since this program includes an incentive from the NRCan program, the OEB understands that the pilot project as currently designed cannot proceed if the NRCan program is closed to new applicants. The OEB is of the view that a revised proposal for a pilot project that continues to include heat pumps would be helpful. Recognizing that the original proposal included reliance on an NRCan incentive of up to \$5,000, it would be open to Enbridge Gas to consider alternative approaches, including consideration of on-bill recovery of the cost, or incentives in support of the cost, of the heat pump component of the pilot project.

While Enbridge Gas has advised that it proposes to file updated evidence by November 30, 2023, the OEB recognizes that Enbridge Gas may need more time. Enbridge Gas will advise the OEB as soon as possible if it needs more time to file updated evidence. The OEB expects that Enbridge Gas will include all relevant information resulting from NRCan's decision in its evidentiary update.

*Technical Conference*

On September 7, 2023, the OEB issued Procedural Order No. 1 that, among other things, provided an opportunity for parties to file comments regarding the need for a technical conference or oral hearing after the completion of the interrogatory process.

The OEB received two letters of comment from parties to the proceeding. Both parties expressed a need for a technical conference since there are various items deemed in scope via the Issues List but have not been fully informed by Enbridge Gas's application and their subsequent interrogatory responses. Pollution Probe also recommends that an oral hearing be held.

Enbridge Gas filed a response to the letters of comment indicating that it does not believe that a technical conference is needed.

The OEB has determined that a technical conference will be a useful addition to the process, and it will be scheduled once Enbridge Gas files its updated evidence. The technical conference will help ensure that the OEB and stakeholders have an opportunity to understand and test the efficacy of the proposed projects.

The OEB will determine whether an oral hearing is necessary at a later date.

The proceeding will be in abeyance effective November 10, 2023, pending the filing of updated evidence.

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

**THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:**

1. Enbridge Gas shall confirm as soon as possible the date by which it will file its updated evidence.
2. A technical conference will be held on a date to be scheduled following the filing of Enbridge Gas's updated evidence.

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 and be received by end of business, 4:45 p.m., on the required date.

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**DATED** at Toronto, **November 17, 2023**

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

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