

Enbridge Gas Inc. 50 Keil Drive North Chatham, Ontario, Canada N7M 5M1

January 15, 2024

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

Dear Ms. Marconi:

### Re: Enbridge Gas Inc. Application for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity - City of Cornwall Ontario Energy Board File No. EB-2024-0061

Further to our letter dated January 4, 2024 notifying the Ontario Energy Board of a municipal boundary change, attached is an application by Enbridge Gas Inc. for Orders of the Ontario Energy Board with respect to a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the City of Cornwall.

Should you have any questions on this application, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to the receipt of your instructions.

Yours truly,

Patrick McMahon Technical Manager Regulatory Research and Records <u>patrick.mcmahon@enbridge.com</u> (519) 436-5325

Encl.

### **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

**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 cancelling and superseding the existing Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity held by Enbridge Gas Inc. for the City of Cornwall and replacing it with a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct works to supply natural gas in the current City of Cornwall.

### APPLICATION

- 1. Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas), a regulated public utility, is a corporation incorporated under the laws of the Province of Ontario, with its offices in the City of Toronto and the Municipality of Chatham-Kent.
- 2. The Corporation of the City of Cornwall is a municipal corporation incorporated under the laws of the Province of Ontario and is a single-tier municipality located within the municipal boundaries of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry. While its administrative offices are located in the City of Cornwall, the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry excludes the City of Cornwall and the Mohawk Nation of Akwesasne from an administrative perspective.
- 3. Attached hereto and marked as Schedule A is a map showing the geographical location of the City of Cornwall and a customer density representation of Enbridge Gas' current service area. Enbridge Gas currently serves approximately 16,100 customers in the City of Cornwall.
- 4. The initial franchise agreement Bylaw 405-1956 allowing for the installation of gas distribution pipelines within the City of Cornwall was approved in 1957 (Lakeland Natural Gas). The Ontario Fuel Board issued an associated Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to Lakeland Natural Gas on July 16, 1957 (FBC 91 see Schedule B attached).
- 5. Consumers' Gas had a franchise agreement with the City of Cornwall effective June 11, 1957 (per Bylaw 461-1957) in order to allow the installation of gas mains along Boundary Road to provide gas distribution service to the Township of Charlottenburgh (now the Township of South Glengarry). This franchise agreement was approved by the City of Cornwall as part of a competitive bidding process in 1957 between Consumers Gas, Cornwall Natural Gas Co. and Lakeland Natural Gas to supply the residents and businesses in the City of Cornwall with access to natural gas. The Ontario Fuel Board approved the franchise agreement in its FBA 141 Order dated May 22, 1957, but Consumers' Gas did not install any pipelines pursuant to this initial franchise agreement.

- 6. Enbridge Gas (Lakeland Natural Gas) originally had CPCNs for the former Township of Cornwall (FBC 226) and the former Township of Osnabruck (FBC 215). The Township of South Stormont was established on January 1, 1998 with the amalgamation of the former Townships of Cornwall and Osnabruck. CPCNs FBC 226 and FBC 215 were cancelled when Union Gas was granted a new CPCN for the Township of South Stormont in 2013 (EB-2013-0259 see Schedule C attached).
- 7. Enbridge Gas currently has franchise agreements with and CPCNs that cover all areas of the municipalities within the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry that are all around the City of Cornwall the Township of North Dundas, the Township of North Glengarry, the Township of North Stormont, the Township of South Dundas, the Township of South Glengarry and the Township of South Stormont.
- 8. The Natural Gas Facilities Handbook (issued March 31, 2022) states the following:

### 3.6.2 Municipal Changes that do not affect another Person's Certificate Rights

If the boundaries of a person's existing certificate are affected by a municipal amalgamation or annexation, and no other person holds a certificate for any part of the newly amalgamated or annexed municipal territories, then the person should notify the OEB within 90 days of the date that the change takes effect to have the certificate amended to reflect the change. The OEB will not as a matter of course amend the territory covered by the person's existing certificate to include any additional service area that was added to the municipality through the amalgamation or annexation. The certificate would be amended to include the metes and bounds of the person's existing certificate. However, the certificate holder could also apply for a new certificate that would include any additional service area within the newly amalgamated territories.

- 9. Cornwall was originally incorporated as a town in 1834 and continued to expand with annexations of parts of the former Township of Cornwall until it was incorporated as a city on January 1, 1957.
- 10. Effective May 1, 1974, the City of Cornwall annexed additional lands (described as "Block B") from the former Township of Cornwall pursuant to the *City of Cornwall Annexation Act*, although the Act itself does not specifically describe the boundaries of those annexed lands.
- 11. Without the OEB issuing a new CPCN for the City of Cornwall sometime after 1974 to formally include the annexed lands, Enbridge Gas submits that since 1974, the annexed lands are assumed to have been covered under the CPCN for the City of Cornwall (FBC 91) since that CPCN does not make any reference to "as currently constituted" or something similar. FBC 91 was issued to construct works and to supply gas to the inhabitants of the City of Cornwall and Enbridge Gas assumes that, without the "as currently constituted" reference, the CPCN rights moved with the boundaries of the municipality. Enbridge Gas believes that this assumption held true for CPCN rights until the OEB issued its Natural Gas Facilities Handbook on March 31, 2022.

- 12. The lands that were annexed in 1974 from the former Township of Cornwall were captured under the FBC 226 CPCN (dated July 16, 1958) which was associated with the former Township of Cornwall from July 16, 1958 until May 1, 1974. Starting in May 1974, FBC 226 was associated with a smaller Township of Cornwall until January 1, 1998 when the Township of South Stormont was created with the amalgamation of the former Townships of Cornwall and Osnabruck. It was at this point that FBC 226 became associated with the Township of South Stormont (i.e., 24 years after the lands were annexed).
- 13. The address for Enbridge Gas' regional operations office is:

Enbridge Gas Inc. 400 Coventry Road Ottawa, ON K1K 2C7 Attention: Nicole Lehto, Director, Eastern and Northern Operations Email: <u>nicole.lehto@enbridge.com</u>

14. Enbridge Gas now applies to the Ontario Energy Board for an Order pursuant to s.8 of the *Municipal Franchises Act* cancelling and superseding the existing Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity held by Enbridge Gas Inc. for the City of Cornwall and replacing it with a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct works to supply natural gas in the current City of Cornwall.

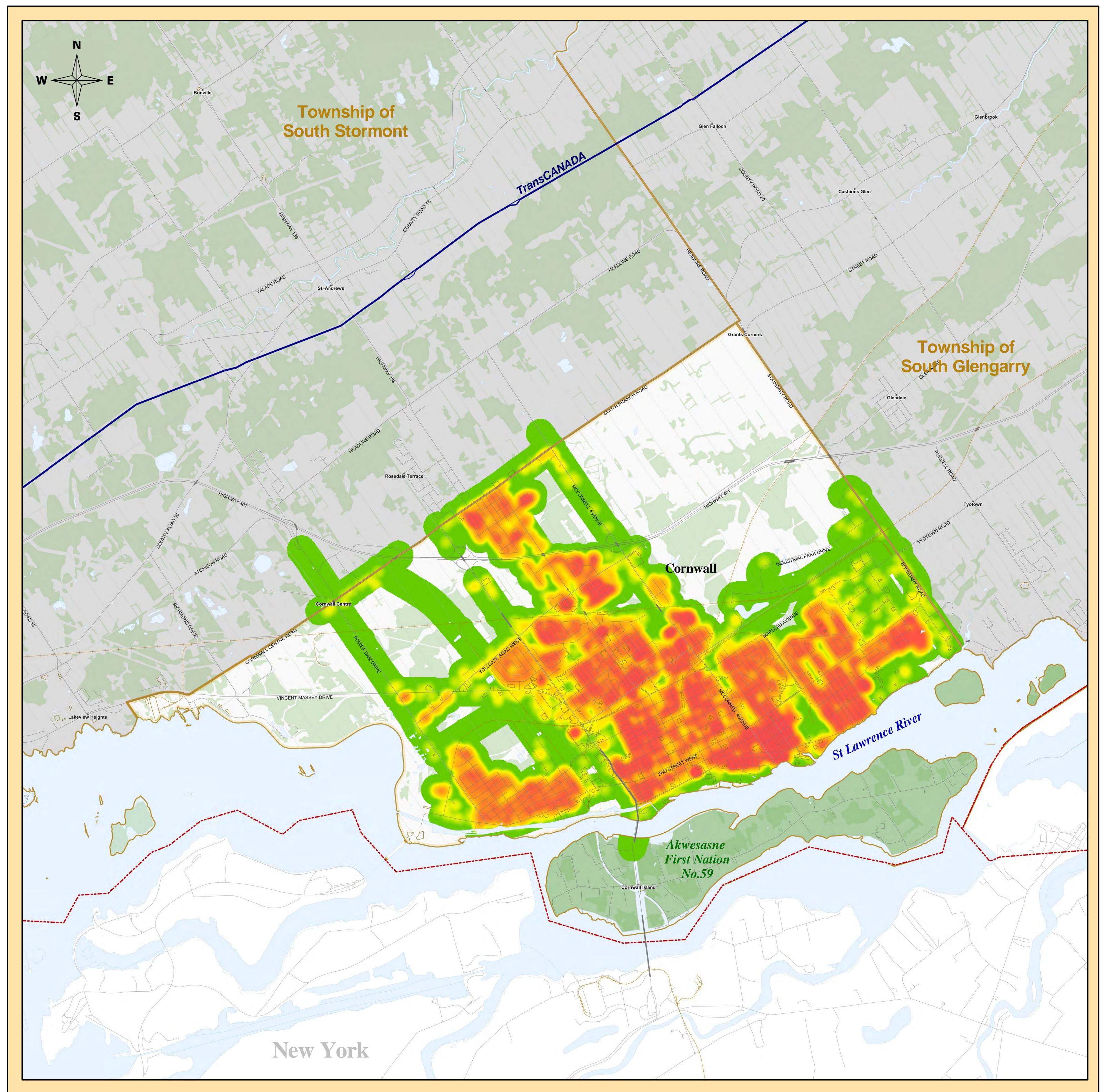
**DATED** at the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, in the Province of Ontario this 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024.

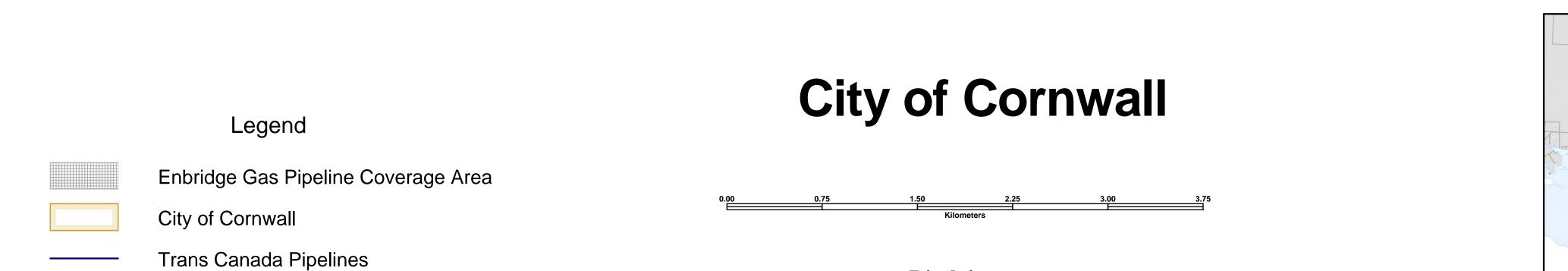
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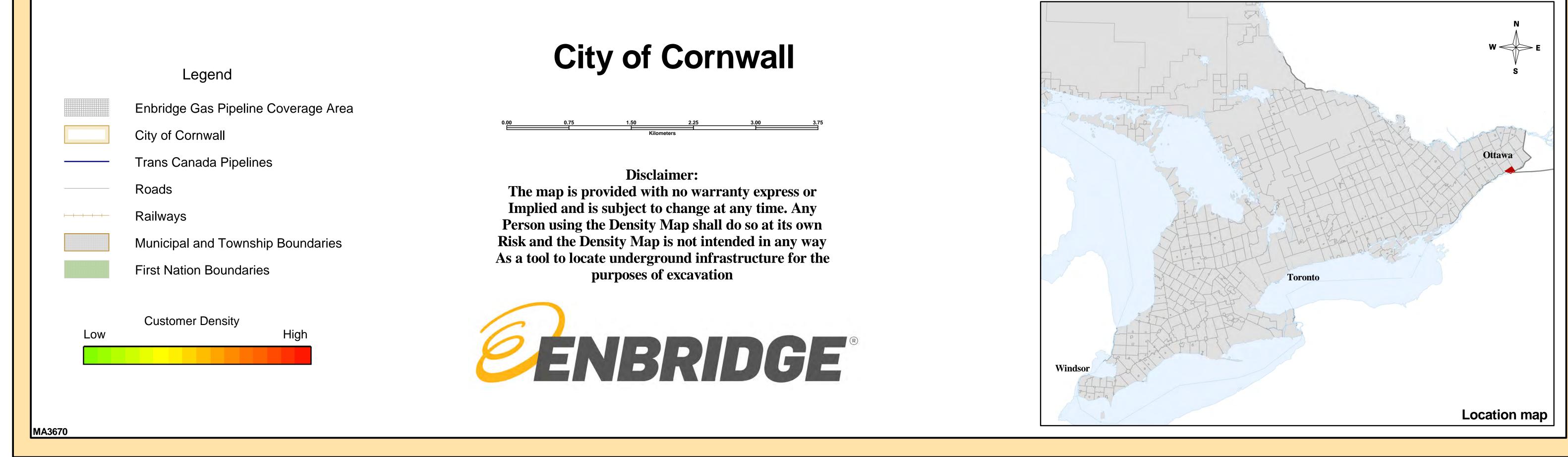
Patrick McMahon Technical Manager Regulatory Research and Records Comments respecting this Application should be directed to:

Mr. Patrick McMahon Technical Manager, Regulatory Research and Records Enbridge Gas Inc. 50 Keil Drive North Chatham, ON N7M 5M1 <u>patrick.mcmahon@enbridge.com</u> Telephone: (519) 436-5325

Schedule A







#### F.B.C. 91

#### ONTARIO FUEL BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF The Municipal Franchises Act, R.S.O. 1950, Chapter 249, and amendments thereto;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Lakeland Natural Gas Limited for a certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct works and to supply gas to the inhabitants of the City of Cornwall.

#### BEFORE:

Α.	R.	CROZIER, Chairman )	TUESDAY, the 18th da	ay
L.	R.	MacTAVISH, Q.C., Commissioner )	of June, 1957.	
W.	R.	HOWARD, Commissioner )		

#### CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

UPON THE APPLICATION OF Lakeland Natural Gas Limited (hereinafter referred to as the "Applicant") for a certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct works to supply and to supply gas to the inhabitants of the City of Cornwall pursuant to the provisions of The Municipal Franchises Act, R.S.O. 1950, Chapter 249, Section 8 and amendments thereto, and at a public hearing of such application by the Board at the City of Cornwall on the 18th day of June, 1957, after due notice of such hearing had been given as directed by the Board, in the presence of counsel for the Applicant, and counsel for The Consumers' Gas Company of Toronto, and upon consideration of the evidence and exhibits produced at the hearing and upon hearing what was alleged by counsel aforesaid:

1. THIS BOARD DOTH ORDER that a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity be and the same is hereby granted to Lakeland Natural Gas Limited for the supply of natural gas to the inhabitants of the City of Cornwall, and for the construction of the works necessary therefor.

Schedule B

2. AND THIS BOARD DOTH FURTHER ORDER that the costs of this hearing are fixed at \$300.00 and shall be paid forthwith by the Applicant to the Board.

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DATED at Toronto this 16th day of July, 1957.

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Schedule C

### EB-2013-0259

## **Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity**

The Ontario Energy Board hereby grants

# **Union Gas Limited**

approval under section 8 of the *Municipal Franchises Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.55, as amended, to construct works to supply gas in the geographic boundaries of the

# Township of South Stormont

This certificate replaces the existing certificates held by Union for the former Township of Osnabruck (F.B.C. 215), and the former Township of Cornwall (F.B.C. 226).

**DATED** at Toronto, August 29, 2013

# ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary