

EB-2022-0094

Ontario Energy Board

A hearing on the Ontario Energy Board's own motion to consider the price paid by rate-regulated natural gas distributors and their customers for natural gas produced in Ontario

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 10 February 9, 2024

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) initiated this proceeding on its own motion to consider the price paid by rate-regulated natural gas distributors for natural gas produced in Ontario. In its Decision and Procedural Order No. 3, the OEB found that it does not have jurisdiction to directly set the price that Ontario natural gas producers get paid for the gas they produce. In its Decision and Procedural Order No. 4, the OEB limited the hearing to the issue of fair and transparent access to Enbridge Gas Inc.'s (Enbridge Gas) system.²

In its Procedural Order No. 9, the OEB scheduled a settlement conference for January 9, 2024, to be continued (if necessary) on January 12, 2024. Settlement discussions continued after these dates. OEB staff filed letters with the OEB that provided updates on the status of settlement discussions on January 16, 18 and 24, 2024.

In its January 24, 2024 letter, OEB staff advised that the parties to the settlement discussions, being Ontario Petroleum Institute (OPI), Canadian Biogas Association (CBA) and Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas), had reached agreement in principle on all issues. OEB staff advised that the parties requested an extension to the OEB's January 31, 2024, deadline for the filing of a joint settlement proposal and associated connection procedures (Settlement Proposal). OEB staff proposed to file a further letter with the OEB by February 7, 2024, with an update on the filing date for the Settlement Proposal.

On January 25, 2024, the OEB issued a letter granting the parties' extension request, accepting OEB staff's proposal to file a letter by February 7, 2024, and cancelling certain final procedural steps set out in Procedural Order No. 9. The OEB indicated that further procedural steps will be scheduled by the OEB after OEB staff files its next letter.

¹ Ontario Energy Board Notice, issued February 7, 2022

² Decision and Procedural Order No. 4, dated February 7, 2023

On February 7, 2024, OEB staff filed a letter advising that the parties propose to file the Settlement Proposal by February 23, 2024.

The OEB approves the parties' proposal to file the Settlement Proposal by February 23, 2024.

Further procedural orders may be issued by the OEB.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Enbridge Gas shall file the Settlement Proposal by **February 23, 2024**.
- 2. OEB staff and intervenors not party to the settlement discussions may file a submission on the Settlement Proposal to be filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **March 6, 2024**.

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 <u>Rules of Practice and Procedure</u>.

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With respect to distribution lists for all electronic correspondence and materials related to this proceeding, parties must include the Case Manager, Ritchie Murray at ritchie.murray@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, James Sidlofsky at james.sidlofsky@oeb.ca

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DATED at Toronto, February 9, 2024

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