



Enbridge Gas Inc.

**Application for leave to construct natural gas pipeline
and associated facilities in the Town of East Gwillimbury
with potential pipeline sections in the Township of King,
Town of Georgina, and Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville**

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 3
September 20, 2024**

Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) applied to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on November 28, 2023, under sections 90 and 97 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, for an order granting leave to construct natural gas pipeline in the Town of East Gwillimbury with potential pipeline sections in the Township of King, Town of Georgina, and Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville (the Application).

Pursuant to Procedural Order No.1, OEB staff and intervenors filed interrogatories by March 19, 2024. Enbridge Gas was required to file its interrogatory responses by April 4, 2024. Enbridge Gas filed a letter on April 3, 2024, advising that its interrogatory responses could not be filed by April 4, 2024, and requested that the Application be placed in abeyance. Enbridge Gas cited the need to update the pre-filed evidence due to the omission of a section of pipeline in the Environmental Report (ER).

In Procedural Order No. 2, the OEB placed the Application into abeyance as of April 3, 2024, and ordered Enbridge Gas to file the updated evidence no later than June 21, 2024.

On June 14, 2024, Enbridge Gas filed a letter to the OEB requesting that the proceeding be held in abeyance until August 30, 2024, to allow for sufficient time for the Ontario Pipeline Coordination Committee (OPCC) to review the draft ER Addendum and provide comment, and for Enbridge Gas to incorporate the OPCC comments and prepare updated evidence. The OEB issued a letter on June 19, 2024, accepting Enbridge Gas's request.

On August 30, 2024, Enbridge Gas filed its ER updates along with updates on pipe requirements, customer forecasts, and economic forecasts as a result of reviewing its customer forecast and advancing the project's design, cost estimates and economics.

The OEB advises that the current proceeding is out of abeyance effective September 20, 2024, with the issuance of this Procedural Order No.3.

To allow for an efficient discovery process, the OEB is providing for additional written interrogatories only on Enbridge Gas's updated evidence. Parties are reminded that in preparing their interrogatories, they should refer to the OEB's [standard Issues List](#) for natural gas leave to construct applications. As noted in Procedural Order No. 1, parties should not engage in detailed exploration of items that do not appear to be material. In making its decision on cost awards, the OEB will consider whether intervenors made reasonable efforts to ensure that their participation in the hearing was focused on material issues. Enbridge Gas is to respond to interrogatories delivered by OEB staff and intervenors pursuant to Procedural Order No. 1 and to interrogatories on the updated evidence pursuant to this Procedural Order No. 3.

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

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. OEB staff and intervenors shall request any relevant information and documentation from Enbridge Gas that is relevant to the updated evidence filed by Enbridge Gas on August 30, 2024, by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and served on all parties by, **October 8, 2024**.
2. Enbridge Gas shall file with the OEB complete written responses to all interrogatories, including those previously filed by OEB staff and intervenors pursuant to Procedural Order No. 1, and serve them on intervenors by, **October 22, 2024**.
3. If OEB staff and/or intervenors wish to file comments regarding the need for a technical conference, they shall file those comments with the OEB by **November 5, 2024**.
4. Enbridge Gas may file a response to the comments regarding the need for a technical conference with the OEB by **November 19, 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 [Rules of Practice and Procedure](#).

Please quote file number, **EB-2023-0343** for all materials filed and submit them in searchable/unrestricted PDF format with a digital signature through the [OEB's online filing portal](#).

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- Please use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the [Regulatory Electronic Submission System \(RESS\) Document Guidelines](#) found at the [File documents online page](#) on the OEB's website.
- Parties are encouraged to use RESS. Those who have not yet [set up an account](#), or require assistance using the online filing portal can contact registrar@oeb.ca for assistance.
- Cost claims are filed through the OEB's online filing portal. Please visit the [File documents online page](#) of the OEB's website for more information. All participants shall download a copy of their submitted cost claim and serve it on all required parties as per the [Practice Direction on Cost Awards](#).

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.

With respect to distribution lists for all electronic correspondence and materials related to this proceeding, parties must include the Case Manager, Arturo Lau at Arturo.Lau@oeb.ca, and OEB Counsel, James Sidlofsky, at James.Sidlofsky@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, **September 20, 2024**

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