

BY E-MAIL

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Dear Haris Ginis:

Re: Enbridge Gas Inc. Panhandle Regional Expansion Project Ontario Energy Board File Number EB-2022-0157 Change Request No. 1

On September 6, 2024, Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) submitted a letter to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) requesting approval of changes to the Panhandle Regional Expansion Project (Project). The requested changes include different permanent easements and temporary land use rights (Change Request No.1).

The Project consists of approximately 19 km of natural gas pipeline from Dover Transmission Station in the Municipality of Chatham Kent to the existing pipeline in the Municipality of Lakeshore. The OEB approval included the Project route (OEB-approved Route).

The Change Request No. 1 is made pursuant to Condition of Approval No. 5 of the OEB's <u>Decision and Order</u> granted for the Project on May 14th, 2024¹.

5. Enbridge Gas Inc. shall advise the OEB of any proposed change to OEBapproved construction or restoration procedures. Except in an emergency, Enbridge Gas Inc. shall not make any such change without prior notice to and written approval of the OEB. In the event of an emergency, the OEB shall be informed immediately after the fact.

¹ EB-2022-0157

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Enbridge Gas filed the following evidence in support of the Change Request No. 1:

- i. Project route map (OEB approved)
- ii. Landowner list (redacted) with information on proposed modified permanent and temporary land rights
- iii. Updated alignment drawings for the Project route showing updated lands rights compared to the land rights provided in Enbridge Gas's pre-filed evidence in Panhandle Regional Expansion Project Application² proceeding.

The Change Request No. 1 affects 20 properties along the OEB-approved Route.

Enbridge Gas explained that the land rights pre-filed evidence was based on preliminary Project designs and plans. Since the pre-filed evidence Enbridge Gas conducted land surveys. Based on the surveys Enbridge Gas refined Project design. Enbridge Gas consulted affected landowners on Project design changes. The modifications to the Project reflect the information by surveying the impacted lands, modifications in constructability/installation in partnership with the constructor, and modifications made by affected landowners.

Enbridge Gas stated that the adjustments to the alignment of the pipeline are within the OEB-approved Route.

Enbridge Gas does not expect that Change Request No.1 will impact construction and restoration practices.

Enbridge Gas confirmed that it will acquire all permits, approvals and clearances sites that were not included in the original filing.

According to Enbridge Gas, no additional landowners would be affected by the Project. Enbridge Gas has consulted with the affected landowners to secure or modify required land rights. Enbridge Gas is committed to continue to meet and communicate with affected landowners through execution/construction of the Project.

Enbridge Gas noted that it has or will offer an OEB approved forms of land rights agreements to all the affected landowners. Enbridge Gas will have all executed agreements prior to start of construction on the affected properties.

Enbridge Gas states that the additional costs of acquiring additional land rights, will have no material impact on the overall Project costs. Enbridge Gas noted that any

² Panhandle Regional Expansion Project Application proceeding, EB-2022-0157

additional costs associated with the Change Request No. 1 will be allocated to the contingency budgeted for the Project.

The changes, according to Enbridge Gas, will have no impact on November 2024, inservice date of the Project.

The OEB has reviewed the information filed by Enbridge Gas and determined that Enbridge Gas's proposal for land rights related changes will not result in material changes to the Project approved by the OEB in the EB-2022-0157 proceeding. The request for change is approved.

Yours truly,

Theodore Antonopoulos

Vice President, Major Applications Division

c: All the parties in the EB-2022-0157 proceeding.