

EB-2022-0200

Enbridge Gas Inc.

Application to change its natural gas rates and other charges beginning January 1, 2024

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 8 April 16, 2024

Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) under section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15 (Schedule B), seeking approval for changes to the rates that Enbridge Gas charges for natural gas distribution, transportation and storage, beginning January 1, 2024.

The OEB issued an Interim Rate Order on April 11, 2024. In the Interim Rate Order, the OEB stated that it would establish a process for final cost claims in a separate procedural order.

Cost Awards

On June 23, 2023, the OEB issued Procedural Order No. 6, in which it set out the process for filing interim cost claims, among other matters.

In its Decision and Order on Interim Cost Awards, dated August 18, 2023, the OEB granted interim cost awards to a number of intervenors.

Intervenors that have not previously been awarded interim cost awards should file cost claims for the entirety of Phase 1 of the proceeding through the OEB's online filing portal.

Intervenors that have previously been awarded interim cost awards should also file a cost claim for the entirety of Phase 1 of the proceeding through the OEB's online filing portal. Any amount received as an interim award will be applied as a credit against the total cost claim in the OEB's final cost award decision.

The OEB's Decision and Order on Interim Cost Awards noted that the OEB will conduct a complete review of cost claims at the conclusion of the proceeding. The OEB also noted that Enbridge Gas will have an opportunity to file objections at that time and

intervenors whose total claims were subject to objections will have an opportunity to reply. The OEB stated that interim awards of costs may be subject to adjustment at that time.

Requiring all intervenors to file cost claims for the entirety of Phase 1 of the proceeding on the same date is expected to assist Enbridge Gas in considering any cost claim objections and assist the OEB in deciding final cost awards on a consistent basis.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Cost eligible intervenors shall file their cost claims with the OEB and forward them to Enbridge Gas on or before **April 30**, **2024**.
- 2. Enbridge Gas shall file with the OEB and forward to the intervenors any objections to the claimed costs by **May 14, 2024**.
- 3. If Enbridge Gas objects to any intervenor costs, those intervenors shall file with the OEB and forward to Enbridge Gas their responses, if any, to the objection by **May 21, 2024**.
- 4. Enbridge Gas shall pay the OEB's costs of and incidental to this proceeding upon receipt of the OEB's invoice.

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-2022-0200** for all materials filed and submit them in searchable/unrestricted PDF format with a digital signature through the <u>OEB's online filing portal</u>.

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- Please use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the <u>Regulatory Electronic Submission System (RESS) Document</u> <u>Guidelines</u> found at the <u>File documents online page</u> on the OEB's website.
- Parties are encouraged to use RESS. Those who have not yet <u>set up an account</u>, or require assistance using the online filing portal can contact <u>registrar@oeb.ca</u> for assistance.
- Cost claims are filed through the OEB's online filing portal. Please visit the <u>File</u>

<u>documents online page</u> 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 <u>Practice Direction on Cost Awards</u>.

All communications should be directed to the attention of the Registrar at the address below 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, Khalil Viraney at Khalil.Viraney@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, Ian Richler at Ian.Richler@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, April 16, 2024

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