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DECISION ON COST AWARD ELIGIBILITY

EB-2024-0067

ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

**Consultation to Review Enbridge Gas Inc.'s 2024 Annual
Update to Natural Gas Supply Plan**

BY DELEGATION, BEFORE: Theodore Antonopoulos
Vice President
Major Applications

May 21, 2024

INTRODUCTION

On April 15, 2024, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) announced in a letter ([Initiation Letter](#)) a consultation to review the annual update to Enbridge Gas Inc.'s (Enbridge Gas) five-year natural gas supply plans (GSP) in keeping with the GSP assessment process contemplated in the OEB's *Report of the Board: Framework for the Assessment of Distributor Gas Supply Plans* ([Gas Supply Framework](#))¹.

In the Initiation Letter, the OEB set out a process to review the annual update to the GSP, including the scheduling of a Stakeholder Conference. Parties interested in participating in the consultation were asked to indicate their intent, including any request for cost eligibility, by filing a letter with the OEB by April 30, 2024. If Enbridge Gas had any objections to any of the requests for cost eligibility, such objections were to be filed with the OEB by May 7, 2024.

On April 17, 2024, Enbridge Gas filed a letter indicating a scheduling conflict for the Stakeholder Conference and requested that the dates be changed.

On April 22, 2024, the OEB issued a letter granting Enbridge Gas's request to change the dates of the Stakeholder Conference. The OEB has made other corresponding timeline changes.

The following parties requested to participate in the consultation (* denotes a request for cost eligibility):

- Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA)*
- Consumers Council of Canada (CCC)*
- Environmental Defence (ED)*
- Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario (FRPO)*
- Pollution Probe*
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)*
- Six Nations Natural Gas Company Limited (SNNG)
- Three Fires Group Inc. and Minogi Corp. (TF&M)*
- TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TCPL)
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)*

On May 7, 2024, Enbridge Gas filed a letter with the OEB indicating there were no objections to the cost eligibility requests.

¹ EB-2017-0129

This cost eligibility Decision is being issued by delegated authority under section 6 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*.

OEB Findings

The Stakeholder Conference will be held virtually. All parties that filed letters of intent with the OEB will be sent the virtual meeting details for the Stakeholder Conference in a subsequent communication.

The OEB has reviewed the requests for cost eligibility from parties to ensure they were compliant with section 3 of the OEB's [Practice Direction on Cost Awards](#). All requests for cost eligibility are granted. Parties are reminded that any awards of costs will be dependent on the extent to which the parties' questions and submissions relate directly to Enbridge Gas's GSP and are within the scope of the consultation (i.e., to the extent the parties assess Enbridge Gas's GSP against the guiding principles and criteria outlined in the Gas Supply Framework).

The OEB also notes that there are stakeholders with overlapping interests. The OEB expects that participants with similar viewpoints will coordinate their activities to the extent possible in order to increase efficiency and minimize costs.

A decision and order on cost awards will be issued at a later date, typically at the end of the consultation. The OEB reminds parties that the maximum hours allocated for each activity are per party. As provided in the Appendix A of the Initiation Letter², cost awards will be available for the following activities:

ACTIVITY	TOTAL ELIGIBLE HOURS PER PARTICIPANT
Written questions	Up to a maximum of 10 hours
Preparation for the Stakeholder Conference	Up to a maximum of 2 hours
Attendance at Stakeholder Conference	Actual attendance time
Written comments on gas supply plan	Up to a maximum of 12 hours

Filing Instructions

Stakeholders are responsible for ensuring that any documents they file with the OEB **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](#).

² Initiation Letter to Review Annual Update to Five-Year Natural Gas Supply Plan, April 15, 2024.

Please quote file number, **EB-2024-0067**, 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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- 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.

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DATED at Toronto May 21, 2024

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