



Enbridge Gas Inc.

**Application for approval of costs and the accounting
treatment of costs, associated with the Integrated
Resource Planning (IRP) Pilot Project**

AMENDED ISSUES LIST

AND PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 4

August 13, 2024

On June 28, 2024, Enbridge Gas filed updates to its pre-filed evidence and interrogatory responses after assessing the impacts of the OEB's 2024 Rebasing Phase 1 [Decision](#) under EB-2022-0200 on the IRP Pilot Projects application. Enbridge Gas determined that the baseline facility projects for Parry Sound and Southern Lake Huron are no longer in Enbridge Gas's 10-year capital forecast. Enbridge Gas has decided to remove the Parry Sound Pilot Project and modify the location and scope of the Southern Lake Huron Pilot Project as detailed in its updated application. On July 16, 2024, the OEB filed a letter indicating that the next procedural step is to have a technical conference for OEB staff and intervenor questioning. The application is out of abeyance as of the date of this procedural order.

Technical Conference

The OEB previously determined in Procedural Order No. 3 that a technical conference should be held. Considering the various updates to Enbridge Gas's application from the impacts of the NRCan announcement and OEB's Rebasing Phase 1 Decision, the OEB still believes that a technical conference is a useful and efficient addition to the process. A virtual technical conference will be held on August 27, 2024. The technical conference will allow for follow-up answers to previously answered interrogatories and new questions based on updates of Enbridge Gas's application filed since the original interrogatories were asked.

The OEB will decide whether the hearing will be written or oral after the technical conference. The OEB notes that Pollution Probe has already submitted that there should be an oral hearing. Any other party, including Enbridge Gas, who wishes to make a submission shall do so no later than August 23, 2024.

Amended Issues List

Due to the updates to Enbridge Gas's IRP Pilot Projects application, including the removal of the Parry Sound Pilot Project, the OEB has made minor amendments to the Issues List that was issued as part of the OEB's Decision on Issues list and Procedural Order No. 2 on October 5, 2023. The amended Issues List should be taken to be inclusive of all changes Enbridge Gas has made to the IRP Pilot Project, as documented in the cover letter of Enbridge Gas's updated Application and Evidence filed on June 28, 2024. The OEB's amendments to the Issues List are shown in the Schedule A Red-Line, with the amended Issues List contained in Schedule B.

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

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. A transcribed virtual technical conference will be held on **August 27, 2024**, starting at 9:30 a.m. In preparation for the technical conference, OEB staff and intervenors shall file with the OEB, and provide to Enbridge Gas, a description of the specific areas they will focus on at the technical conference, and time estimates by **August 20, 2024**. This will allow a technical conference schedule to be developed.
2. Responses to undertakings from the technical conference shall be filed with the OEB and sent to all intervenors by **September 10, 2024**.
3. If any other party, including Enbridge Gas, wishes to file comments regarding the need for an oral hearing, they shall file those comments with the OEB by **August 23, 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-2022-0335** for all materials filed and submit them in searchable/unrestricted PDF format with a digital signature through the [OEB's online filing portal](#).

- Filings should clearly state the sender's name, postal address, telephone number and e-mail address.

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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, Stephanie Cheng at stephanie.cheng@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, Lawren Murray at lawren.murray@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, **August 13, 2024**

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Nancy Marconi
Registrar

Schedule A

Enbridge Gas Inc.

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Red-Line Issues List

Issues List

Issue 1.0: Project Need

- 1.1: Will the Pilot Projects assist in understanding and evaluating how IRP can be implemented to avoid, delay or reduce facility projects?
- 1.2 Are the objectives developed for ~~each-the~~ Pilot Project appropriate?

Issue 2.0: Project Alternatives

- 2.1: Is Enbridge Gas's IRP pilot project selection process, selection criteria, and decisions to select the ~~Parry Sound and Southern Lake Huron communities~~ appropriate community appropriate?
- 2.2: Will the Pilot Projects selected give Enbridge Gas the ability to apply learnings to future IRPA design, performance and have the potential for scalability?

Issue 3.0: Proposed Project

- 3.1: For ~~each-the~~ Pilot Project, has Enbridge Gas appropriately described the identified system need, and the baseline facility alternative?
- 3.2: Has Enbridge Gas appropriately described how ~~each-the~~ Pilot Project meets the applicable IRP Framework Guiding Principles?¹
- 3.3: Taking into consideration the OEB's IRP Framework that says that electricity IRPAs will not be included in the first generation IRP projects, is it appropriate to include a limited offering of electrification measures as an IRPA for the ~~Parry Sound~~ pPilot projectProject?
- 3.4: Are Enbridge Gas's proposed ~~demand-side and supply-side~~ IRPAs for ~~each-the~~ Pilot Project appropriate?
- 3.5: Is Enbridge Gas's proposed spending appropriately allocated between the IRPAs (e.g., efficiency programs vs. electrification measures vs. advanced technologies) for ~~each-the~~ Pilot Project?
- 3.6: Are Enbridge Gas's proposed program designs for IRPAs (e.g., measures included, sectors targeted, incentive levels, marketing and outreach strategy, attribution approach between DSM and IRP) appropriate for ~~each-the~~ Pilot Project?
- 3.7: Are Enbridge Gas's proposed evaluation, measurement, and verification objectives and methodologies appropriate for ~~each-the~~ Pilot Project? Do they enable Enbridge Gas to determine the effectiveness of IRPAs and to report on the results of

¹ EB-2020-0091, IRP Framework Decision, Appendix A, p. 5.

the IRP pilot projects?

3.8: Is the timeframe for ~~each~~the Pilot Project appropriate?

Issue 4.0: Project Cost and Economics

4.1: Is Enbridge Gas's proposed budget for ~~each~~the Pilot Project appropriate?

4.2: Is Enbridge Gas's economic analysis for ~~each~~the Pilot Project appropriate?

4.3: Is Enbridge Gas's proposed approach to cost allocation and cost recovery appropriate and consistent with the intended use of the two OEB approved IRP Operating Cost and Capital Cost Deferral Accounts?

Issue 5.0: Stakeholding

5.1: Has Enbridge Gas appropriately engaged with stakeholders and the IRP Technical Working Group on ~~each~~the Pilot Project?

Issue 6.0: Other

6.1: Are there appropriate milestones/ checkpoints/ metrics in place to ensure Enbridge Gas is monitoring and adjusting the design of a Pilot Project on a timely basis to optimize project performance and achieve the intended project outcomes?

6.2: What timing, frequency, and format is appropriate for reporting on ~~each~~the Pilot Project?

6.3: What are the appropriate Conditions of Approval for ~~each~~the Pilot Project?

Schedule B
Enbridge Gas Inc.
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Amended Issues List

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1.2 Are the objectives developed for the Pilot Project appropriate?

Issue 2.0: Project Alternatives

2.1: Is Enbridge Gas's IRP pilot project selection process, selection criteria, and decision to select the Southern Lake Huron community appropriate?

2.2: Will the Pilot Project selected give Enbridge Gas the ability to apply learnings to future IRPA design, performance and have the potential for scalability?

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3.1: For the Pilot Project, has Enbridge Gas appropriately described the identified system need, and the baseline facility alternative?

3.2: Has Enbridge Gas appropriately described how the Pilot Project meets the applicable IRP Framework Guiding Principles?²

3.3: Taking into consideration the OEB's IRP Framework that says that electricity IRPAs will not be included in the first generation IRP projects, is it appropriate to include a limited offering of electrification measures as an IRPA for the Pilot Project?

3.4: Are Enbridge Gas's proposed IRPAs for the Pilot Project appropriate?

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