



# **DECISION AND ORDER**

**EB-2024-0205**

**ENBRIDGE GAS INC.**

**Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and  
Necessity for the City of Pickering**

**By Delegation, before:** Theodore Antonopoulos  
Vice President  
Major Applications

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**September 19, 2024**

## 1 OVERVIEW

This Decision and Order of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) approves an application filed by Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) for a certificate of public convenience and necessity (certificate) for the City of Pickering.

## 2 CONTEXT AND PROCESS

Enbridge Gas filed an application with the OEB on June 7, 2024, under section 8 of the *Municipal Franchises Act*. The application is for an order approving a new certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct works to supply natural gas in the City of Pickering.

The OEB held a written hearing. A notice of hearing was published in the local newspaper from July 2 to July 16, 2024. The notice of hearing was also posted on Enbridge Gas's website. No persons sought to become intervenors or otherwise participate in the proceeding.

In this Decision and Order, a reference to the City of Pickering is a reference to the municipal corporation or its geographic area, as the context requires.

### 3 APPLICATION

Enbridge Gas is a corporation incorporated under the laws of the Province of Ontario, with its head office in the City of Toronto.

The City of Pickering is a municipal corporation incorporated under the laws of the Province of Ontario. It is a lower-tier municipality located in the Regional Municipality of Durham.

The City of Pickering was established in 2000, and it is the product of numerous municipal reorganizations in the area since the late 1700s.<sup>1</sup>

Enbridge Gas is authorized to serve the entire geographic area of the City of Pickering through an existing certificate that covers operations within the former Township of Pickering.<sup>2</sup> The southeastern portion of the former Township of Pickering, including the former Village of Pickering, became part of the independent Town of Ajax. The rest of the former Township became the Town of Pickering, which in 2000 became the City of Pickering. As such, Enbridge Gas does not have a certificate in respect of the City of Pickering that is also in the name of the City.

Accordingly, Enbridge Gas requests an order of the OEB cancelling those parts of its existing certificate related to the former Township of Pickering, and granting it a new certificate to construct works to supply natural gas in the City of Pickering as it is currently constituted.

Enbridge Gas notes that, if the application is granted, there will be no change to its overall certificate rights in the City of Pickering. Enbridge Gas further states that it is not aware of any natural gas distributor in the certificate area.

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<sup>1</sup> As stated in paragraph 2 of Enbridge Gas's application, the former Township of Pickering was established in 1792 and, in 1851, it was severed from the County of York and became a part of the newly established Ontario County. In 1974, Ontario County was dissolved and the area became part of the Regional Municipality of Durham.

<sup>2</sup> F.B.C. 10, dated May 15, 1956

## 4 FINDINGS

I find that it is in the public interest to approve Enbridge Gas's application for a certificate for the City of Pickering. Enbridge Gas currently serves the City of Pickering through a certificate issued in the name of its legacy municipality, the former Township of Pickering. The issuance of a new certificate in the name of the City of Pickering, and that is geographically aligned with its municipal borders, is consistent with the intent of the OEB that certificate holders update service areas if boundaries of their existing certificate(s) are affected by municipal amalgamations, annexations, or name changes. Enbridge Gas filed a complete application and provided notice of the hearing in the manner instructed by the OEB. I note that no party intervened or otherwise objected the application.

A new certificate, attached as Schedule A to this Decision and Order, is granted to Enbridge Gas for the City of Pickering. The new certificate supersedes that part of F.B.C. 10 related to the former Township of Pickering that formed the City of Pickering. I also note that there is no other natural gas distributor within the certificate area.

## 5 ORDER

### IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. A certificate of public convenience and necessity, attached as Schedule A, is granted to Enbridge Gas Inc. to construct works or supply natural gas in the City of Pickering. A current map of the City of Pickering is attached as Schedule B.
2. This certificate of public convenience and necessity supersedes the following certificate rights, which are hereby cancelled:
  - That part of F.B.C. 10 relating to the former Township of Pickering that formed the City of Pickering.
3. Enbridge Gas Inc. shall pay the OEB's costs incidental to this proceeding upon receipt of the OEB's invoice.

**DATED** at September 19, 2024

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

**Theodore Antonopoulos**

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**SCHEDULE A**  
**CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY**  
**ENBRIDGE GAS INC.**  
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## **Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity**

The Ontario Energy Board grants

### **Enbridge Gas Inc.**

approval under section 8 of the *Municipal Franchises Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.55, as amended, to construct works to supply natural gas in the

### **City of Pickering**

as it is constituted on the date of this Decision and Order.

This certificate of public convenience and necessity cancels and supersedes that part of F.B.C. 10 relating to the former Township of Pickering that formed the City of Pickering

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**SCHEDULE B**  
**MAP OF THE CITY OF PICKERING**  
**ENBRIDGE GAS INC.**  
**EB-2024-0205**  
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