



Enbridge Gas Inc.

**Application for the renewal of a Municipal Franchise
Agreement with the County of Lennox and Addington**

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 3
October 10, 2024**

Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on April 8, 2024, under section 9 of the *Municipal Franchises Act* for an order approving the terms and conditions of the renewal of Enbridge Gas's natural gas franchise (franchise) with the County of Lennox and Addington (County), based on the OEB's Model Franchise Agreement without amendment, and for an order declaring and directing that the assent of the municipal electors to the by-law approving the renewal is not necessary.

On September 2, 2024, the OEB issued Procedural Order No. 2 in this proceeding. Among other things, it established the hearing process related to interrogatories, evidence, and submissions.

In accordance with the dates established in Procedural Order No. 2, Concerned Residents filed interrogatories on September 16, 2024.

On September 20, 2024, Concerned Residents filed a letter regarding scope clarity and adjustment to procedural steps, and on September 24, 2024, Enbridge Gas filed its response to that letter. After considering these submissions, the OEB issued a letter dated September 26 that, among other things, confirmed that the procedural steps set out in Procedural Order No. 2 would remain unchanged.

Enbridge Gas filed its interrogatory responses on September 30, 2024.

On October 1, 2024, Concerned Residents filed a letter with the OEB to provide its budget and further details in respect of its proposal to file evidence in this proceeding. By letter dated October 3, 2024, Enbridge Gas submitted its comments on Concerned Residents' proposed evidence letter.

On October 3, 2024, Concerned Residents filed a notice of motion under Rule 27 of the OEB's *Rules of Practice and Procedure*. Concerned Residents seeks an order of the OEB requiring Enbridge Gas to provide full and adequate responses to interrogatories.

Concerned Residents states that, to expedite the process, it included its initial submissions within the Notice of Motion and proposes that next steps include submissions from other parties on the motion, followed by a reply from Concerned Residents.

The OEB will hear Concerned Residents' motion and provide Enbridge Gas and OEB staff with an opportunity to make submissions on the motion. The OEB reminds the parties that, as stated in Procedural Order No. 2, the issues within the scope of this proceeding include any proposed amendment(s) to the terms and conditions of the franchise that may be warranted as a result of circumstances specific to the County.

The OEB hereby suspends the remaining procedural steps set out in Procedural Order No. 2 until after it has heard the motion, at which time the OEB will issue a further procedural order. The OEB will make its determination on Concerned Residents' proposed evidence together with its decision on the motion.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. Any submissions from Enbridge Gas and OEB staff on the motion shall be filed in writing with the OEB, and delivered to all parties, by **October 18, 2024**.
2. Any reply submission by Concerned Residents shall be filed in writing with the OEB, and delivered to all parties, by **October 25, 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-2024-0134** 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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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, Natalya Plummer at Natalya.Plummer@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, Richard Lanni at Richard.Lanni@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, **October 10, 2024**

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Nancy Marconi
Registrar